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MINUTES

—OF THE—

56TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATOIN,

—HELD AT—

AYCOCK'S MEETING HOUSE,

WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.,

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 9th, 10th, and 11th days

—OF—

OCTOBER, 1886.

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GREENFIELD, INDIANA:
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MINUTES.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder I. J. Taylor from I Pet., v, 1—3.

2. The messengers from the several churches assembled, and the Association was opened by prayer by Elder F. A. Chick.

3. Elder B. C. Pitt was chosen Moderator and L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder W. R. Wiggins.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach at the stand to-day, Elders F. L. Oakly and Isaac Jones. Elder Oakly preached from Jno., x, 16; "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold etc." Elder Jones followed from Gen., vii, 16; "And the Lord shut him in."

6. Brethren W. B. Williams and J. W. Moore were appointed a committee on finance, and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches, and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Received by baptism	Restored	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Money for minutes
Autry's Creek	Old Sparta	J. W. Bridgers	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	1.00
Aycock's	Fremont	S. Boswell, J. A. Davis, Thos. Clarke	7	1	..	2	1	1	84	2.50
Bear Creek	LaGrange	B. I. Harring, J. H. Dawson, and Elder I. J. Taylor	2	..	1	..	1	..	20	1.50
Beaver Dam	Pink Hill	Jessie Brown	..	..	2	..	..	1	20	1.00
Blount's Creek	Blount's C.	A. J. Tunstale, M. Edwards, W. G. Yates	1	..	..		..	1	49	2.00
Bethel	Grantsboro	J. A. Lupton, W. W. Brinson, and I. P. Dowty	1	..	..	..	7	..	30	2.00
Cedar Island	Beaufort	J. L. Goodwin, W. R. Mason*, and A. J. Edwards	4	..	..	..	..	..	48	2.00
Goose Creek Island.	Goose Creek Island	A. Williamson, W. Dillion*, B. Carawin	5	..	..	..	..	2	45	1.50
Cross Roads	Johnson Mills.	C. E. Parkerson and J. W. Dawson*	..	..	..	1		..	10	1.00
Friendship	Goldsboro	Elder J. R. Roberts and L. N. Herring	4	..	..	..	..	..	19	1.50
Galloway's	Black Jack.	Elders J. M. Corbitt and J. S. Corbitt	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	1.50
Hancock's.	Coxville	Elder C. C. Bland, J. Cox*, and D. Smith	2	..	2	..		1	17	1.00
Mewborn's	Snow Hill	I. R. Baker, J. M. Mewborn, and L. J. H. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	1	..	21	1.50
Nahunta	Goldsboro	Elders S. Pate, T. B. Lancaster and J. W. Gardner	7	1	1	3	1	2	97	2.50
Pleasant Plains	Dudley	Not represented.	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	
Red Banks	Greenville.	Eld. J. B. Hardie, H Tucker, J. Hardie*	1	1	.	..	..	3	54	1.50
Sandy Bottom	Kinston	A. D. Smith and R. A. Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1.00
Town Creek	Old Sparta	Elder B. C. Pitt, W. Varnel, and R. W. Atkinson	..	..	..	1	..	1	63	1.50
Tyson	Greenville	Elder W. B. Williams, J. I. Pollard, and H. Joyner*	..	..	..	..	.	1	18	1.50
Union	Toisnot	Elder W. R. Wiggins, J. W. Moore, and J. Whitehead*	5	..	..	1	1	2	103	3.00

(Absentees marked thus *.)

8. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

(a.) Abbott's Creek—Not represented.

(b.) Baltimore—Elder F. A. Chick and minutes.

(c.) Black Creek—W. L. Barnes, H. Hatcher, and J. B. Smith, and minutes.

(d.) Chemung—Not represented.

(e.) Country Line—Elder F. L. Oakley.

(f.) Delaware—Elders F. A. Chick, and P. G. Lester, and minntes.

(g.) Delaware River—Elder F. A. Chick and minutes.

(h.) Kehukee—Elder W. A. Ross, and brother S. W. Outerbridge, and minutes.

(i.) Little River—Brethren Seth Woodall, W. Johnson, and others, and minutes.

(j.) Mill Branch—Not represented.

(k.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Elder F. A. Chick and minutes.

(l.) Warwick—Minutes.

(m.) White Oak—Minutes, visitors, Elders L. H. Hardy, and Isaac Jones.

(n.) Toisnot—Elder D. A. Mewborn, brother H. B. Proctor, and minutes.

10. South Carolina Association applied to open correspondence with this Association, through Elder John R. Roberts. The application was received, and agreed to correspond by minutes.

11. Brother R. W. Atkinson was appointed to write the letter to the White Oak Association, J. W. Gardner to the Mill Branch Association, and Elder J. R. Roberts to the South Carolina Association.

12. Our next Association to be held with the church at Nahunta, Wayne county, North Carolina. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1887, at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder B. C. Pitt to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. M. Jones, alternate.

13. Elders P. G. Lester, M. F. Stubbs, and F. A. Chick were appointed to preach on the stand on Sunday.

14. The following brethren were appointed messengers to sister association.

(a.) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b.) Baltimore—Minutes.

(c.) Black Creek—Elder W. B. Williams and minutes.

(d.) Chemung—Minutes.

(e.) Country Line—Elder T. B. Lancaster and minutes.

(f.) Delaware—Minutes.

(g.) Delaware River—Minutes.

(h.) Kehukee—Elder T. B. Lancaster, brother J. L. Goodwin, and minutes.

(i.) Little River—Elders W. B. Williams, J. A. Williams, T. B. Lancaster, and minutes.

(j.) Mill Branch—Elders I. J. Taylor, and J. R. Roberts, and minutes.

(k.) South Carolina—Minutes.

(l.) Toisnot—Elders W. R. Wiggins, J. R. Roberts, and others, and minutes.

(m.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

15. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1886.

Elder P. G. Lester introduced the services of the day and preached from I Cor., xv, 16. Elder M. F. Stubbs followed and preached from Ps., xv. After an intermission of thirty minutes the brethren assembled and Elder F. A. Chick preached from Jno., xvii, 17.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1886—9 O'CLOCK.

1. The Association assembled and the conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones.

2. Elders W. A. Ross, P. D. Gold, and D. A. Mewborn were appointed to preach at the stand to-day. Elder W. A. Ross opened the services of the day and preached from Tit., ii, 13, followed by Elder P. D. Gold from Rom., v, 14.

3. The committee on finance made the following report: In the hands of the treasurer at the close of last session, $37.43; received from the churches this year, $30.50; total, $67.93. Paid for printing last year's minutes, $17.00; postage and expressage, $2.90; Clerk's

compensation, $10.00. Leaving in the hands of the treasurer at the close of this Association, $38.03.

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. The names of the messengers were called and those absent were marked in table of churches.

6. Letters to the White Oak, Mill Branch, and South Carolina Associations were read, approved, and forwarded.

7. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

8. Resolved that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

9. Resolved that the Association recommend to her churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor, and if she have none that she will actually choose him as such.

10. Resolved that our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed $10 for his services.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

12. The Association then adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
B. C. PITT, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and, upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this Union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, in shall be taken into consideration and debated: but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association. The best method of affecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to this Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by the majority of the Union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power, 1st. To provide for the general union of churches. 2nd. To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. 3rd. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association. 5th. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association. 6th. To appoint any number of members by, and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. 7th. The Association, shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. 8th. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall judge necessary. 9th. The Association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in the Union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches, any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

Art. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association, establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these Rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTAITES.

GEO. BLAND,	Coxville, North Carolina.
Henry Cooper, (colored,)	Toisnot, North Carolina.
J. V. Brinson	Grantsboro, North Carolina.
J. S. CORBITT	Black Jack, North Carolina.
M. S. CORBITT	Black Jack, North Carolina.
V. GARDNER	Goldsboro, North Carolina.
J. F. HARDIE	Greenville, North Carolina.
L. N. Herring	Goldsboro, North Carolina.
W. M. JONES	Greensville, North Carolina.
T. B. LANCASTER	Snow Hill, North Carolina.
S. PATE	Goldsboro, North Carolina.
B. C. PITT	Old Sparta, North Carolina.
J. R. PARKER	Mount Olive, North Carolina.
J. R. ROBERTS	Goldsboro, North Carolina.
I. J. TAYLOR	Kingston, North Carolina.
J. A. WILLIAMS	Fountain Hill, North Carolina.
W. B. WILLIAMS	Farmville, North Carolina.
Jona Williams, (colored,)	Fremont, North Carolina.
W. R. WIGGINS	Toisnot, North Carolina.

(Ordained ministers in small capitals.)

NAMES OF PASTORS, AND CHURCHES, AND TIMES OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

NAMES OF PASTORS	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	TIME.
W. R. Wiggins,	Autry Creek,	1st Sunday in September.
Wm. Woodard	Aycock's	4th Sunday in September.
J. S. Corbitt	Blount's Creek	Every 5th Sunday
J. S. Corbitt	Bear Creek	1st Sunday in August
I. J. Taylor	Beaver Dam	4th Sunday in September.
I. J. Taylor	Bethel	2nd Sunday in September.
I. J. Taylor	Cedar Island	3rd Sunday in August
W. M. Jones	Cross Roads	4th Sunday in September.
J. R. Parker	Friendship	4th Sunday in August
W. M. Jones	Galloway's	1st Sunday in September.
W. M. Jones	Goose Creek Island	3rd Sunday in July
W. M. Jones	Hancock's	3rd Sunday in August
Jno. W. Gardner	Mewborn's	2nd Sunday in September.
S. Pate	Nahunta	3rd Sunday in September.
S. Pate	Pleasant Plains	2nd Sunday in September.
J. A. Williams	Red Banks	2nd Sunday in September.
J. A. Williams	Sandy Bottom	1st Sunday in August
B. C. Pitt	Town Creek	2nd Sunday in August
W. B. Williams	Tyson's	3rd Sunday in September.
B. C. Pitt	Union	3rd Sunday in August

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OF THE

CONTENTNEA
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HELD AT

Bethel Meeting-House, Pamlico County, N. C.,

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,

12th, 13th and 14th days of October, 1889.

Printed at Office of Zion's Landmark, Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 12th, 1889.

1st. In the absence of those that were chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. P. D. Gold, from the Black Creek Association, was chosen and preached from Psalms CIII, 1st to 5th verse, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name," &c.

2nd. The Messengers from the several churches then assembled, and the Association was opened by Elder S. P. Terry with praise and prayer.

3rd. Elder J. W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach at the stand to-day Elds. L. H.

Hardy and A. Cartwright. Elder Hardy opened and preached from St. Matthew XXV, 1 to 13, inclusive, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins," &c. Elder Cartwright followed from the Song of Solomon 2nd chapter 3rd verese, "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons."

6th. Brethren J. R. Rowe and R. W. Atkinson were appointed a Committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association; none offered.

9th. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations:

(a) Abbott's Creek—No communication.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes; Elder P. D. Gold visitor.
(d) Country Line—Elder J. S. Dameron.
(e) Delaware—Minutes.
(f) Delaware River—Minutes.
(g) Eno—Elder S. P. Terry.
(h) Kehukee—Minutes; Elder A. Cartwright and brother W. H. Williams.
(i) Little River—Minutes.
(j) Mill Branch—No communication.
(k) South Carolina—No communication.
(l) Toisnot—Minutes.
(m) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(n) White Oak—Minutes; Elders Isaac Jones, L. H. Hardy.
(o) Warwick—Minutes.
(p) New River—Minutes.

10th. Brother G. M. Hardy was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch, brother R. W. Atkinson to the South Carolina and brother J. R. Roberts to the White Oak Associations.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Mewborn's Meeting House, in Greene county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m. and Elder J. R. Rowe to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. C. Pitt his alternate.

12th. Elders S. P. Terry, J. S. Dameron and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren were appointed Messengers to sister Associations:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes; Elder J. R. Rowe.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes.

(c) Black Creek—Minutes; Elder J. W. Gardner, brethren R. W. Atkinson and B. W. Taylor.

(d) Country Line—Minutes; Elders J. R. Rowe and T. B. Lancaster.

(e) Delaware—Minutes.

(f) Delaware River—Minutes.

(g) Eno—Elders J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, J. R. Rowe, and brother L. J. H. Mewborn and Minutes.

(h) Kehukee—Minutes; Elder J. R. Rowe and brother R. W. Atkinson.

(i) Little River—Minutes; Elders J. R. Roberts and J. W. Gardner.

(j) Mill Branch—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.

(k) New River—Minutes.

(l) South Carolina—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.

(m) Toisnot—Brethren R. W. Atkinson, T. C. Hart and Minutes.

(n) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(o) Warwick—Minutes.

(p) White Oak—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.

14th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock

SUNDAY MORNING, October 13th, 1889.

The services of the day were opened by Elder I. Jones with praise and prayer. Then Elder Terry preached from the x chapter and 10th verse of St. John, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," &c. He was followed by Elder Jones from Isaiah vi chapter and latter clause of 1st verse, "And his train filled the temple." After an intermission of one hour preaching was resumed by Elder Dameron from the iv chapter and 18th verse of St. Luke, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." The preaching was all of love and in accordance with the pattern shown in the mount and to the praise of God, a good meeting where brotherly love flowed freely from breast to breast and we feel that many felt it was good for them that they were there to partake of the crumbs as they fell from the Master's table.

MONDAY MORNING, 9.30 o'clock, Oct. 14th, 1889.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder I. Jones.

2nd. Elders Dameron and Gold were appointed to preach today. Elder Dameron opened and preached from St. Matthew xi chapter and 28th verse, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," followed by Elder Gold from xiii chapter and 20-21 verses of Hebrews, "Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant," &c.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report: In the hands of the treasurer at the close of last session $34.53; received from the churches this year $35.00; total $69.53. Paid for printing and postage last year's Minutes $19.00; gave to the visiting brethren $3.25; Clerk's compensation $10.00; leaving in the hands of the treasurer at the close of this Association $37.28; Report received and Committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were called, and those absent marked in table of churches.

5th. Letters to the Mill Branch, South Carolina and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6th. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to her churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor; and if she have none, that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic will be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

12th. The church at Tyson's asked for a letter of dismission to join the Toisnot Association. Letter granted.

13th. The Association then adjourned by praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. R. Roberts.

JOHN W. GARDNER, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk. G. M. HARDY, Ass't Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE & COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	No. in fellowship	Contributions.
Autry's Creek..	Old Sparta, Edgecombe	Represented by Letter........................	1	...	...	...	..	2	21	$1 00
Bear Creek	LaGrange, Lenoir.......	*B. I. Herring, A. Sutton	2	...	...	...	...	...	19	3 25
Beaver Dam.....	Pink Hill, Lenoir........	Represented by Letter........................	...	1	...	...	...	1	22	1 00
Bethel.	Grantsboro, Pamlico....	J. A. Lupton, B. Scott, W. Potter..	5	1	..	1	...	...	40	2 00
Blount's Creek.	Lydia, Beaufort	F.M.Edwards,R.A.Cratch,T H Warren	...	..	...	1	...	1	31	2 00
Cedar Island....	Roe, Carterett	J.L.Goodwin,W.R.Mason, J.W.Styron	9	...	1	2	...	2	51	2 00
Cross Roads...	Johnson Mills.............	C. E. Parkerson, *J. W. Dawson.........	...	...	...	..	..	...	11	1 50
Friendship	Goldsboro, Wayne.......	J. R. Roberts, John Herring................	1	...	..	...	...	...	24	1 50
Galloway.	Black Jack, Pitt	*J.S.Corbitt, J.M.Corbitt, *G.M.Corbitt	1	...	...	...	..	...	18	1 90
GooseCr'k Isl'd	GooseCr'k Isl'd,Beauf't	J. Swindell, A Williamson, B. Carawan	..	...	...	...	...	1	49	2 00
Hancock's	Coxville, Pitt..............	N. T. Cox, *C. C. Bland	..	...	...	...	...	1	12	1 00
Haskin Chapel	Bonus, Jones...............	E. Haskin, J. K. Scott........	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1 00
Mewborn's	Jason, Green................	I. R. Baker, T.C.Hart, L.J.H.Mewborn	...	...	...	...	1	...	27	2 50
Nahunta	Goldsboro, Wayne	T.B.Lancaster.J.W.Gardner B W Taylor	2	...	...	2	...	..	104	2 50
Red Banks	Greenville, Pitt..	J. Hardie, F. Stocks, D. Stocks...........	3	1	...	...	..	2	62	1 75
Sandy Bottom ..	Kinston, Lenoir.......	R. A. Johnson, I. Smith, A. D. Smith..	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	1 00
Sandy Grove ...	Aurora, Beaufort.........	G. M. Hardy, J. R. Rowe, J. T. Rowe	1	...	.	1	1	1	37	2 00
Town Creek....	Old Sparta, Edgecombe	*B.C.Pitt,*W.R.Tolson,R.W Atkinson	8	2	...	1	1	3	70	2 00
Tyson	Greenville, Pitt...........	J. O. Pollard, *N. Nichols	2	..	2	..	...	...	10	1 50
Union...	Toisnot, Wilson	Represented by Letter........................	2	2	1	1	2	3	98	2 50
		Those absent marked *	37	7	4	9	5	15	725	$35 90

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C. C. BLAND, Coxille, N. C.
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JESSE BROWN, Kinston, "
JAMES S. CORBITT, Black Jack, "
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J. W. GARDNER, Goldsboro, "
J. B. HARDIE, Greenville, "
L. N. Herring, Goldsboro, "
W. M. JONES, Washington, "
T. B. LANCASTER, Jason, "
S. PATE, Goldsboro, "
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J. R. ROWE, Aurora, "
I. J. TAYLOR, LaGrange, "
J. A. WILLIAMS, Calico, "
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Henry Cooper (col.), Toisnot, "
Jonah Williams (col.), Fremont, "

Names of Licentiates in small letters; Ordained Ministers in small capitals.

Names of Pastors and Churches, and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

W. R. Wiggins	Autry's Creek......................	1st Sunday in September
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J. R. Rowe	Bethel................................	2nd Sunday in September
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J. R. Rowe	Cedar Island	3rd Sunday in August
....	Cross Roads	4th Sunday in September
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C. C. Bland........................	Hancock's..........................	3rd Sunday in August
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J. R. Rowe.........................	Sandy Grove	1st Sunday in September
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Galloway's	15	Black Jack, "	James S. Corbitt.
Goose Creek Island	49	Goose Creek Isl'd, "	A. Williamson.
Hancock's	12	Coxville, "	Benjamin Smith.
Haskin's Chapel	7	Bonus, "	Elijah Haskins.
Mewborn's	27	Jason, "	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Nahunta	104	Goldsboro, "	Elder J. W. Gardner.
Red Banks	62	Greenville, "	John M. Smith.
Sandy Bottom	12	Kinston, "	A. D. Smith.
Sandy Grove	37	Aurora, "	G. M. Hardy.
Town Creek	70	Old Sparta, "	R. W. Atkinson.
Tyson	19	Greenville, "	J. O. Pollard.
Union	98	Toisnot, "	Jeremiah Whitehead.
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Delaware River	6	Hopewell, N. J	Eld. W. J. Purington
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Kehukee	40	Williamston, "	Elder S. Hassell.
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MINUTES

OF THE

62ND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

SANDY GROVE M. H., BEAUFORT CO., N. C.,

Commencing Saturday Before Second Sunday in October, 1892.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8th, 1892.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John W. Gardner from John 15: 5.

2nd. The Messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Edgerton.

3rd. Elder John W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach in the afternoon Elders L. S. Ross and J. M. Harris. Elder Ross opened and preached from 1st Peter 1: 23-25. Elder Harris from last verse of the 4th chapter and first verse of the 5th chapter of Romans.

6th. Brethren W. B. Williams and B. D. Rowe were appointed a committee of finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association, none offered.

9h Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes.

(c) Black Creek—Minutes and brother Pitman Messenger, Elders Scott and Edgerton visitors.

(d) Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. M. Harris Messenger.

(e) Delaware—Minutes.

(f) Delaware River. Minutes.

(g) Eno—Minutes, Elder S. P. Terry, Messenger.

(h) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder W. A. Ross Messenger, and Elders L. S. Ross, Everette and other brethren visitors.

(i) Little River—Minutes, Elders Coats, Adams and Peeden Messengers.

(j) Mayo—No communication.

(k) Mill Branch--Minutes,

(l) New River--Minutes.

(m) Toisnot--Elder D. A. Mewborn, no Minutes.

(n) Virginia Corresponding Meeting--No communication.

(o) Warwick--Minutes.

(o) White Oak--Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy, berthren R. C. Houston, M. W. Brown Messengers. Elder B. H. Wooten and other brethren visitors.

10th. Brother J. T. Rowe was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch and brother T. B. Lancaster to the White Oak Associations.

11th. Appointed our next Assoociation to be held at Galloway's Meeting House in Pitt county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1893 at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder B. C. Pitt preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B.

Lancaster his alternate.

12th. Elders D. A. Mewborn, W. A. Ross, J. T. Edgerton and B. H. Wooten were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. R. Rowe.

(c) Black Creek--Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster and brother Hyman Pate.

(d) Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. R. Roe and J. W. Gardner.

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(k) Mill Branch--Minutes and letter.

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(m) Toisnot--Minutes, brother J. E. Cobb.

(n) Virginia Corresponding meeting--Minutes.

(o) Warwick--Minutes.

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14th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 9th, 1892.

The services of the day were opened by Elder D. A. Mewborn who preached from Mathew 1: 21, followed by Elder W. A. Ross from John 6: 68, 69. After a short intermission the brethren came together and services were resumed by Elder J. T. Edgerton from John 6: 39 40. Elder B. H. Wooten closed the services of the day from Eph. 4: 1-6. We feel it a meeting long to be remembered by all who participated in it. The congregation was good and well behaved and paid strict attention to the preaching.

MONDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1892

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise by Elder J. M. Harris.

2nd. Elders Coats and Terry were appointed to preach to-day, Elder Coats opened and preached from Psalms 25: 14, followed by Elder Terry from Romans 4: 25.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report, In the hands of the Treasurer nothing. Received from the churches this year $30.08, paid for printing minutes and postage $19.00, gave to the ministering brethren $1.08, Clerk's compensation $10.00; report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were enrolled and those absent marked in the table of churches.

5th. Letters to the Mill Branch* and White Oak Asssociations were read, approved and forwarded.

*The brother appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch Association was not in the house at the time and did not get the notice of his appointment, therefore he did not prepare one, the Association then apappointed the Clerk to prepare one and forward it which he did.

6th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th, Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as his pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor, and if she has none that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion the Clerkwas appointed treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic will be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

11th. On motion it was agreed that the obituaries of Elders S. Pate and W. S. Corbett be published and appended to the Minutes.

13th. On motion the letter and Messengers from the church at Friendship were not received.

14th. The Association then adjourned to time and place appointed with praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. R. Rowe.

JOHN W. GARDNER, Moderator.

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OBITUARY.

I was appointed by the Association to write the obituary of my dear uncle, William S. Corbett. The subject of this notice was born October 18, 1829. His parents were Samuel and Susan Corbett. They were both Primitive Baptists. After he grew up to manhood he had a severe attack of rheumatism. After his recovery some time in 1858 he was married to Catharine Edwards who bore him six children, three boys and three girls, of which four survive. Some years after his marriage he was attacked with rheumatism again. He was very low for a long time and regarded by many as being at death's door. After a while his pain ceased to some degree, leaving his body and limbsdrawn very badly. While on his bed of afflictions he said that the Lord was pleased to visit him. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit was so plain and accompanied with a voice, baptizing in the river of Jordan, which filled his heart and soul with so much of the glory and praise of God, that he called in his wife and children, asking them and his neighbors to engage in praise to God. He was then taken to Galloway's meeting house and offered for fellowship, and was received on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1868, and was baptized the following Sunday by Elder Noah Adams. Some years afterward he felt an impression to exercise his gift. The church granted him the authority. He began to speak in public for the relief of mind and comforting of the flock .He could manage to walk with his stick a mile distance at times, but had to be helped to and from his chair, where he would sit while speaking in public. When the church requested the ordination of the unworthy writer, the brother deacon said to me he had been impressed with the ordination of my uncle too, and ask me would I oppose and I told him no. He said if he couldn't break the bread and officiate in all the offices, he could give thanks, so the church agreed to have us both set apart, which took place March the 7th, 1866. He would go through heat and cold on his back in the cart, from five to twenty-five miles to speak of Jesusand his wonderful works. No tongue can tell his sufferings, no pen can picture his deformed image, but he loved to go and speak of Jesus. On April 13th, 1890 his dear companion was taken from him, who had been so attentive and careful with him and served faithfully even to the end.This seemed to bereave him so much that he stayed close around home until the Lord was pleased to call him from earth to enjoy the rest that remaineth to children of God. On December 25th, 1891, he breathed his last, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, leaving one daughter and two sons residing at his old home, one daughter married, to mourn their loss, besides relatives and friends. We mourn and yet rejoice to know he has ceased from pain and sorrow and death, and have hope to believe he is enjoying the presence of his Lord and master. May God be with all his children and save them according to his knowledge and purpose.

Written by his nephew. JAMES S. CORBITT

By the request of the Contentnea Association at Sandy Grove meeting house, Beaufort County, N. C., Oct. 8, 1892.

Names of Pastors, Clerks, and their Postoffices; and Ttmes of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES OF CLERKS.		NAMES OF CHURCHES.	TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
B. C. Pitt,	J. W. Bridgers,	Old Sparta,	N. C.	Autry's Creek,	First Sunday in September.
T. B. Lancaster,	Jas. A. Whitfield,	Seven Springs,	"	Bear Creek,	First Sunday in August.
Gardner Bryant,	F. Lee,	Kinston,	"	Beaver Dam	Fourth Sunday in September.
J. R. Rowe,	William Potter,	Grantsboro,	"	Bethel,	Second Sunday in September.
J. T. Rowe,	T. H. Warren,	Giliad,	"	Blount's Creek,	Every 5th Sunday.
J. R. Rowe,	T. E. Harris,	Roe,	"	Cedar Island,	Third Sunday in August.
*	C. E. Parkerson,	Johnson's Mills,	"	Cross Roads,	Fourth Sunday in September.
J. R Parker,	L. N. Herring,	Goldsboro,	"	Friendship,	Fourth Sunday in August.
*	J. S. Corbitt,	Grimesland,	"	Galloway's	First Sunday in August.
J. R. Rowe,	A. Williamson,	Goose Creek Island,	"	Goose Creek Island,	Fourth Sunday in July.
C. C. Bland,	Benj. Smith,	Ayden,	"	Hancock's	Third Sunday in August.
J. A. Williams,	Jerry Watters,	Kinston,	"	Haskin's Chapel,	First Sunday in September.
J. w. Gardner,	L. J. H. Mewborn,	Jason,	"	Mewborn's,	Second Sunday in September.
*	Hyram Ginn,	Goldsboro,	"	Nahunta,	Third Sunday in September.
J. B. Hardie,	David Stocks,	Redalia,	"	Red Banks,	Second Sunday in September.
J. A. Williams,	A. D. Smith,	Kinston,	"	Sandy Bottom,	Second Sunday in September.
J. R. Rowe,	G. M. Hardy,	Aurora,	"	Sandy Grove,	First Sunday in September.
B. C. Pitt,	J. E. Cobb,	St. Lewis,	"	Town Creek,	Second Sunday in August.
B. C. Pitt,	Jeremiah Whitehead,	Elm City,	"	Union,	Third Sunday in August.

*No Pastor.

OBITUARY.

(From Zion's Landmark.)

By the request of his wife and children, I will try to write the obituary of their husband and father, our beloved brother and father in Israel, Elder Shade Pate. He was born Mar. the 10th, 1807, died the 11th of October, 1891, making his stay on earth 84 years, 7 months and one day. At the age of 21, (May 1828) he was united with the Primitive Baptists at Nahunta, and baptized the 3rd Sunday by Elder Haywood Ham. A short time after his gift was discovered, and he commenced preaching the gospel of the Son of God. After awhile he was ordained to the ministry. He was pastor at Nahunta when he died. I heard him say he never missed but very few meetings at Nahunta. His health had been giving away for some time, but he was very sure to be at his meeting. He was down 18 days, bore his weakness with christian fortitude, tho' in all his sickness he seemed to be without pain. Everything was done for him that could be done by his wife, children and friends, but all failed to restore him. I went to see him 3 times, and I never saw any one more resigned to God's will than he was. I stayed with him Thursday night before he died on Saturday night. Friday morning when I left he said he wanted to go with me to the Contentnea Association to see his brethren. He said tell them he was lying there a lump of bones trying to thank the Lord for his blessings and asking for more. Surely he was a man of God. Elder Edgerton preached at his home on the occasion to a large congregation, after which he was carried to his old homestead and laid beside his first wife. He was married twice, first to Penny Howell who bore him 9 children. He had 32 grandchildren, and 11 great grand-children. He married the second time to Patience Smith. He leaves a wife, 6 children and a host of friends to mourn his death, but the Lord gives and he has taken away. May the church, his wife, children and friends say blessed be his holy name. May the church take heed to his loving admonitions. He was with us at our September meeting. He was not able to preach but in conference he made his last prayer in the church. He was a great man for peace He was grieved on account of such trouble among the people of God. He told me he thought there would have to be a sifting among the Baptists O that those among us that are causing so much confusion among the children would stop and think. Had we not better suffer ourselves than to cause others to suffer. Dear brethren and sisters at old Nahunta, our dear old father is gone from a world of sin and vexation to a world of bliss and happiness. We believe we never will see his friendly countenance any more, but do for Christs' sake go to church and fill your seats and live in peace as brother Pate so often requested that you would do after he was gone. It will not be long before we too will follow, and may we all live in obedience to the command of Jesus, that when he calls us that we may say as Paul did, "We have fought a good fight and finished our course." May God bless his dear wife and his children with the assurance of meeting their loved one on high. I would like to go back and speak of many things or our deceased Pastor, but it would make this obituary too long. All that knew him know that there could be much more said. He was much loved and esteemed by the Baptists. Written by one to whom he has been a great comfort. Yours truly, JOHN W. GARDNER.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.	COUNTIS.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Rec'd on Confession of faith	Number in Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek,	Old Sparta,	Edgecombe,	J. W. Bridgers, Amos Crisp, W. R. Abrams,	3			1				26	$ 1 25
Bear Creek,	LaGrange,	Lenoir,	Alexander Sutton,	2					2		22	1 50
Beaver Dam,	Pink Hill,	Lenoir,	By letter,						2		16	1 00
Bethel,	Grantsboro,	Pamlico,	W. W, Brinson, H. A. Gaskin, W. Potter,*		1					1	36	2 00
Blount's Creek,	Giliad,	Beaufort,	T. H. Warren, Ephram Adams, F. M. Edwards,			1			2		31	2 00
Cedar Island,	Roe,	Carteret,	J. L. Codwin, W. R. Mason, T. L. Godwin,	2					1		47	2 00
cross Reads,	Johnson's Mills,	Pitt,	C. E. Parkerson,						1		9	1 00
Friendship,	Goldsboro,	Way ne,	Not received									
Galloway's	Grimesland,	Pitt,	J. S. Corbitt, J. M. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt,*	1					1	1	12	1 00
Goose creek Island,	Goose creek Island,	Beaufort,	J. S. Leary, J. J Swindall, A. E. Hopkins,	4	1	2	2	1	2		61	2 00
Hancocks,	coxville,	Pitt,	Benja, Smith,* Noah Cox,								10	50
Haskin chapel,	Bonus,	Lenoir,	Elijah Haskin, J. A. Williams, Jerry Walters,	1	2				1		9	1 50
Mewborn's,	Jason,	Greene,	P. H. Mewborn,* J. M. Mewborn,* L. J. H. Mewb'n	1							27	2 25
Nahunta,	Saulston,	Wayne,	J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, B. W. Taylor,	4					3		109	3 00
Red Banks,	Greenville,	Pitt,	David Stocks, Franklin Stocks, Jos. Hardee,	3		2			1		60	1 75
Sandy Bottom,	Kinston	Lenoir,	A. D. Smith, Ira Smith*,								13	1 00
Sandy Grove,	Aurora	Beaufort,	J. R. Rowe, G, M. Hardy, B. D. Rowe,	1	1	3			2	1	46	2 33
Town creek,	Saint Lewis,	Edgecombe,	B. C. Pitt, J. E. Cobb, A. J. Hagins,	2			1	1	4		73	2 00
Union,	Elm City	Wilson,	W. B. Williams, Jera. Whitehead. Amos Wilkins,	2			1		1		93	2 00

MINUTES

—OF THE—

63rd ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association.

—HELD AT—

Galloway's Meeting House,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing Saturday Before the Second Sunday in October, 1893.

WILSON, N. C.:
Landmark Book and Job Print,
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Proceedings.

SATURDAY MORNING OCT. 7, 1893.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder T. B. Lancaster the introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. C. Pitt, 1st Timothy 4: 15.

2. The Messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3. Elder John W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder Joshua T. Rowe.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach in the afternoon Elders H. F. Peeden and G. D. Robertson. Elder Peeden opened and preached from Rev. 22: 10 to 12 inclusive, followed by Elder Robertson from 2nd Timothy 2: 19.

6. Brethren W. B. Williams and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a committee of Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association when one from the church at Tyson's was received and accepted.

9. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations.

(a). Abbott's Creek—no communication.

(b). Baltimore—Minutes.

(c). Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer and brother J. W. Thorn, Messengers. Elder P. D. Gold, visitor.

(d). Country Line—No Minutes. Elders J. A. Burch and J. M. Harris Messengers.

(e). Delaware—Minutes.

(f). Delaware River—Minutes.

(g). Eno—No communication.

(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Elder W. A. Ross Messenger. Elders G. D. Robertson, L. E. Everett and other visitors.

(i). Little River—No Minutes. Elders H. F. Peeden, W. J. Stephenson and brother Seth Woodall Messengers.

(j). Mill Branch—Minutes.

(k) New River—No communication.

(l). Mayo—No communication.

(m). Toisnot—Minutes. Brother J. J. Eason.

(n). Virginia—Corresponding Meeting. No communication.

(o). Warwick—Minutes.

(p). White Oak—Minutes. Elder L. H. Hardy.

10. Brother B. C. Pitt was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch and brother J. T. Rowe to the White Oak Association.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Tyson's Meeting House in Pitt county. N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1894 at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. T. Rowe preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

12. Elders Stephenson, Ross, Burch and Hardy were appointed to preach on Sunday. Elder Hardy was taken sick and Elder Gold was put in his stead.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore.

(a). Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elder J. T. Rowe.
(b). Baltimore—Minutes. Elder J. T. Rowe.
(c). Black Creek—Minutes. Elders J. T. Rowe, J. W. Gardner.
(d). County Line—Minutes. Elder J. T. Rowe.
(e). Delaware—Minutes.
(f). Delaware River—Minutes.
(g). Eno—Minutes. Elders W. B. Williams, J. T. Rowe, J. W. Gardner, brother L. J. H. Memborn.
(h). Kehukee---Minutes. Elders J. T. Rowe, J. S. Corbitt, J. W. Gardner, brother T. C. Hart.
(i). Little River--Minutes. Elders W. B. Williams, J. W. Gardner, J. T. Rowe.
(j). Mayo--Minutes.
(k). Mill Branch--Minutes and letter.
(l) New River--Minutes.
(m). Toisnot---Minutes. Elder J. T. Rowe.
(n). Virginia Corresponding Meeting-Minutes.
(o). Warwick--Minutes.
(p). White Oak--Minutes. Elder W. B. Williams.

14. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 1893.

The services of the day were opened by Elder W. J. Stephenson, who preached from St. John 18: 36, followed by Elder W. A. Ross from Romans 5: 21.

After an intermission of one hour the services were resumed and Elder Burch preached from Psalms 107: 8. Elder Gold closed in a short way from the words,"Let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord." We pray the Lord may bless the words spoken to the comfort of some poor, hungry, thirsty child.

MONDAY MORNING OCTOBER 9, 1893.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burch.

2. Elders J. F. Farmer and J. M. Harris were appointed to preach to-day. Elder Farmer opened and preached (I failed to learn his text) followed by Elder Harris from "For by one offering &c.

3. The committee on Finance made the following report. In the hands of the treasurer nothing. Received from the churches this year $32.60. Paid for printing these Minutes and postage $19.00. Gave to the use of the visiting ministers $3 60. Clerk's compensation $10.00. Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of Messengers were called and those absent marked in the table of churches.

5. The Letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and if she have none that she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion it was agreed that the Association withdraw from the church at Friendship for disorder.

13. On motion the Association then adjourned to time and place appointed, with praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

JOHN W. GARDNER, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.

Elder J. T. ROWE, Assistant Clerk.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

Churches.	No. Minutes.	Post-Offices.	To whom sent in care of
Autry's Creek	21	Old Sparta, N. C.	Franklin Brown.
Bear Creek	23	Seven Springs, “	James A. Whitfield.
Beaver Dam	15	Kinston, “	F. Lee.
Bethel	38	Grantsboro, “	Wm. Potter.
Blount's Creek	31	Gilead, “	T. H. Warren.
Cedar Island	41	Roe, “	Thomas L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	11	Johnson Mills, “	C. E. Parkerson.
Galloways'	10	Grimesland, “	J. S. Corbitt.
Goose Creek Island	62	Goose Cr. Island, “	J. S. Leary.
Hancocks'	11	Ayden, “	C. C. Bland.
Haskins' Chapel	10	Trenton, “	B. F. Scott.
Mewborns'	24	Jason, “	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Nahunta	116	Saulston, “	T. B. Lancaster.
Red Banks	69	Redalia, “	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	11	Kinston, “	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Aurora, “	B. D. Rowe.
Town Creek	66	St. Lewis, “	J. E. Cobb.
Union	100	Elm City, “	Jeremiah Whitehead.
Tyson's	10	Lizzie, “	John O. Pollard.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and their Post-Office.

C. C. Bland, Ayden	N. C.
J. S. Corbitt, Grimesland	"
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro	"
J. B. Hardie, Greenville	"
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston	"
B. C. Pitt, St. Lewis	"
J. R. Rowe, Aurora	"
J. T. Rowe, Aurora	"
E. C. Smith, Beaufort	"
I. J. Taylor, LaGrange	N. C.
J. A. Williams, Deep Run	"
W. B. Williams, Elm City	"
†W. W. Brinson, Reelsboro	"
†Henry Cooper, (col.) Elm City	"
†G. M. Corbitt, Grimesland	"
†T. C. Hart, Jason	"
†H. B. Tucker, Greenville	"
†B. F. Scott, Trenton	"

Those marked thus † are licentiates.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations.

Associations.	No. of Minutes.	Post-Offices.	Whom in care of.
Abbott's Creek	10	Martin Mills, N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Reistertown, Md.	Elder F. A. Chick.
Black Creek	15	Wilson, N. C.	Elder P. D. Gold,
Country Line	15	Ruffin Station, N. C.	Elder J. S. Dameron.
Delaware	6	State Roads, Del	Elder E. Rittenhonse.
Delaware River	6	Hopewell, N. J.	Elder W. J. Purington.
Eno	8	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston, N. C.	Elder S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Smithfield, N. C.	Seth Woodall.
Mayo	8	Ridgeway, Va.	J. W. Grigg.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon, N. C.	M. M. Harrelson.
New River	17	Floyd C. H., Va.	Elder P. G. Lester.
Toisnot	10	Whitakers, N. C.	Elder A. J. Moore.
Virginia Cor. Meeting	11	Titusville, Va.	Elder J. N. Badger.
Warwick	7	Middletown, N. Y	Elder W. L. Beebe.
White Oak	20	Newport, N. C.	Elder L. H. Hardy.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of constitution of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letter and messenger, and if found, upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded, shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10 The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

ART. 13 The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

ART, 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time, by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15 The Association shall have power, first to provide for the general union of the churches, : second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches ; third to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association : fifth to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an Associational fund for any purpose strictly connected with this Association ; sixth, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may deem necessary ; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion ; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association ; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ART. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may come among us in the character of a preacher.

ART. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them ; nor will we hold any such in our churches.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

ART 6 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

ART. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject, without liberty from the Association.

ART. 8 No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

ART. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.

ART. 10 The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

ART 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion, if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

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J. T. Rowe	T. H. Warren	Gilead "	Blount's Creek	Every 5th Sunday.
J. R. Rowe	T. E. Harris	Roe "	Cedar Island	Third Sunday in August.
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J. S. Corbett	G. M. Corbitt	Grimesland "	Galloway's	First Sunday in September,
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B. C. Pitt	Jeremiah Whitehead	Elm City "	Union	Third Sunday in August.
J. S. Woodard	J. R. Warren	Farmville "	Tyson's	Third Sunday in September.

† No Pastor.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Received on Confession of Faith.	Number in Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Old Sparta	W R Abrams, Franklin Brown, A Criss†			1			2		21	$ 1 50
Bear Creek	LaGrange	Agbert Sutton, J H Dawson,† J A Whitfield†	1							23	2 25
Beaver Dam	Pink Hill	By Letter			1					15	50
Bethel	Grantsboro	W W Brinson, Joshua Rowe, Wm. Potter	2	1		1		1		38	2 00
Blount's Creek	Gilead	R A Cratch, E Adams, T H Warren			1				1	31	1 75
Cedar Island	Roe	J L Goodwin, T L Goodwin, W R Mason						1		41	3 00
Cross Roads	Johnson Mills	C E Parkerson					2			11	75
Galloway's	Grimesland	G M Corbitt, Oliver Peeten						2		10	1 00
Goose Creek Island,	Goose Creek Island,	J M Carawin, J Swindell †	5		1	1		3		62	2 00
Hancock's	Ayden	B Smith, R Wilson†	1							11	1 00
Haskins Chapel	Bonus	Elijah Haskin, B F Scott								9	1 00
Mewborn's	Jason	T C Hart, I R Baker,† L J H Mewborn			2			1		24	1 60
Nahunta	Saulston	T B Lancaster, J W Gardner, B W Taylor	21			5				116	3 00
Red Banks	Greenville	D Stocks, Jas. Hardie, G W Stoks	10	1		1		1		69	1 75
Sandy Bottom	Kinston	Ira Smith						2		11	1 00
Sandy Grove	Aurora	John T Rowe, J T Rowe, I P Dowty		3	2			1		46	2 00
Town Creek	St. Lewis	B C Pitt, W L Walston, J E Cobb†			3			2		66	2 00
Union	Elm City	W B Williams, D L Batts, J Whitehead	8			1				100	2 00
Tyson	Farmville	J O Pollard, J F Moore, J R Warren								100	2 00

Those marked † absent.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

64th Annual Session

—OF THE—

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD AT

Tyson's Meeting House,

IN PITT COUNTY, N. C.,

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1894.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.
1894.

hands of the Treasurer, nothing; received from the churches this year, $32.65; paid for printing the minutes and postage, $19.00; Clerk's compensation, $10.00. Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent were called and those absent marked in table of churches.

5th. Letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak* Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

*The brother that was appointed to write the letter to the White Oak had to return home on account of sickness. He failed to prepare one. Thereupon the Clerk was requested to prepare one, which he did.

6th. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. *Resolved*, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8th. *Resolved*, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor, and if she has none, that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. *Resolved*, That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic will be allowed within one mile of said Association ground during her session.

12th. The Association then adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Elder W. B. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

L. J. H. MEWBORN, *Clerk.*
Elder J. T. ROWE, *Assistant.*

Table showing the number of times and dates that each church has had the Association.

Autry's Creek had it 1846–1877–1891.
Bear Creek had it 1832–1860–1882.
Beaver Dam had it 1831–1838–1844–1854–1866.
Bethel (and Milton) had it 1874–1889.
Blount's Creek had it 1857.
Cedar Island had it ——.
Cross Roads had it 1876.
Galloway's had it 1893.
Goose Creek Island ——.
Hancock's had it 1863.
Haskin's Chapel ——.
Mewborn's had it 1867–1885–1890.
Nahunta had it 1830–1845–1879–1887.
Red Banks had it 1839–1857–1880.
Sandy Bottom had it 1848.
Sandy Grove had it 1883–1892.
Town Creek had it 1837–1850–1871–1888.
Union had it 1834–1858–1881.
Tyson's had it 1833–1841–1859–1875–1894.

Distribution of Minutes to Churches.

Churches.	No. Minutes.	Post-Offices.	Whom in care of.
Autrey's Creek,	23	Old Sparta, N. C.	Franklin Brown.
Bear Creek	23	LaGrange, “	Alexander Sutton.
Beaver Dam	14	Kinston, “	F. Lee.
Bethel	36	Grantsboro, “	Wm. Potter.
Blount's Creek	29	Giliad, “	T. H. Warren.
Cedar Island	44	Roe, “	Thos. L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	10	Johnson's Mill, “	C. E. Parkerson,
Galloway's	10	Grimesland, “	J. S, Corbett.
Goose Creek Island	64	Goose Cr'k Island “	J. S. Leary.
Hancock's	12	Ayden, “	C. C. Bland.
Haskin's Chapel	10	Trenton, “	B. F. Scott.
Mewborn's	24	Jason, “	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Nahunta.	110	Saulston, “	W. H Smith
Red Banks	68	Redalia, “	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Kinston, “	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	43	Aurora, “	B. D. Rowe.
Town Creek	65	St. Lewis, “	J. E. Cobb.
Tyson's	15	Falkland, “	J. R. Warren,
Union	98	Elm City, “	Jeremiah Whitehead.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, and their Postoffices.

C. C. Bland, Ayden,	N. C.	J. A. Williams, Deep Run	N. C.
J. S. Corbett, Grimesland,	“	W. B. Williams, Elm City,	“
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro,	“	*W. W. Brinson, Reelsboro,	“
J. B. Hardie, Greenville,	“	*Henry Cooper, (col.), Elm City,	“
T. C. Hart, Jason,	“	*G. M. Corbett, Grimesland,	“
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston,	“	*H. B. Tucker, Greenville.	“
B. C. Pitt, St. Lewis,	“	*B. F. Scott, Trenton,	“
J. R. Rowe, Aurora,	“	*J. A. Whitfield, Seven Springs,	“
J. T. Rowe, Aurora,	“	*J. R. Williams, Greenville,	“
I. J. Taylor, LaGrange,	“		

Those marked * licentiates

Distribution of Minutes to Associations.

Name of Association.	No. of Minutes.	Postoffice.	To whom sent in care of.
Abbott's Creek	8	Martin's Mill, N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Reisterstown, Md	Elder F. A. Chick.
Black Creek	15	Wilson, N. C.	Elder P. D. Gold.
Country Line	15	Ruffin Station, N. C.	Elder J. S. Dameron
Deleware	6	State Roads, Del	Elder E. Rittenhouse.
Deleware River	6	Southampton, Pa	Elder S. H. Durand.
Eno	6	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	38	Williamston, N. G.	Elder S Hassell.
Little River	20	Smithfield, N. C.	Seth Woodall.
Mayo	10	Ridgeway, Va.	J. W. Grigg.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon, N. C.	M. M. Harrelson
New River	15	Floyd C H, Va.	Elder P. G. Lester
Toisnot	6	Whitaker, N. C.	Elder A. J. Moore.
Virginia Cor. Meeting	6	Aldie, Va.	Elder J. N. Badger.
Warwlck	6	Middleton, N. Y.	Elder W. L. Beebe.
White Oak	20	Newport, N. C.	Elder L. H. Hardy.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2nd. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3rd. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he has done speaking.

5th. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6th. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7th. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8th. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of a public speech.

9th. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.

10th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, if so he violates the rules of this Decorum.

11th. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12th. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he choses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

ART. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churching, certifiying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

ART. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their nnmber in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

ART. 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letters and messenger, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

ART. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded, shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART 10 The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by the Association shall de deposited in the hands of a treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

ART. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns

ART 14. Amendents to this plan or form of government may be made any time, by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15. The Association shall have power, First to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolobly a chain of communication among the churches: third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association: fifth to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an Associational fund for any purpose strictly connected with this Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw trom any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the Union.

ART. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

ART. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE OF CLERKS.	NAME OF CHURCH.	TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
B. C. Pitt	Franklin Brown	Old Sparta, N. C.	Autrey's Creek	First Sunday in September.
T, B. Lancaster	Alexander Sutton	LaGrange, "	Bear Creek	First Sunday in August.
Gardner Bryant	F. Lee	Kinston, "	Beaver Dam	Fourth Sunday in September.
J. R. Rowe	Wm. Potter	Grantsboro, "	Bethel	Second Sunday in September.
J. T. Rowe	T. H. Warren	Giliad, "	Blount's Creek	Third Sunday in July.
J. R. Rowe	T. E. Harris	Roe, "	Cedar Island	Third Sunday in August.
	C. E. Parkerson	Johnson's Mills, "	Cross Roads	Fourth Sunday in September.
	J. S. Corbett	Grimesland, "	Galloway's	First Sunday in September.
J. R. Rowe	J. S. Leary	Goose Creek Island "	Goose Creek Island	Fourth Sunday in July.
C. C. Bland	Benjamin Smith	Ayden, "	Hancock's	Third Sunday in August.
J. A. Williams	B. F. Scott	Trenton, "	Haskin's Chapel	First Sunday in September.
J. W Gardner	L. J. H. Mewborn	Jason, "	Mewborn's	Second Sunday in September,
	W. H. Smith	Saulston, "	Nahunta,	Third Sunday in September.
J. B. Hardie	David Stocks	Redalia, "	Red Banks	Second Sunday in September.
T. C. Hart	Ira Smith	Kinston, "	Sandy Bottom	Second Sunday in September.
J. R. Rowe	B. D. Rowe	Aurora, "	Sandy Grove	First Sunday in September.
B. C. Pitt	J E. Cobb	St. Lewis, "	Town Creek	Second Sunday in August.
B. C. Fitt	Jere Whitehead	Elm City, "	Union	Third Sunday in August.
J. S. Woodard	J. R. Warren	Falkland, "	Tyson's	Third Sunday in September.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Let er.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Conf. of Faith.	No. in Fellowship	Contribution.
Autry's Creek	Old Sparta	Edgecombe	W. R. Abrams, J. F. Brown, Amos Crisp	2							23	2 00
*Bear Creek	LaGrange	Lenoir	Alex Sutton,† J. A. Whitfield†								23	2 50
Bethel	Grantsboro	Pamlico	Joshua Rowe,† Wm. Potter†			1			1		36	2 00
Blount's Creek	Giliad	Beaufort.	G. W. Hill,† E. Adams,† T. H. Warren						3	1	29	1 75
Cedar Island	Roe	Carterett	W. R. Mason, J. W. Styron,† B. G. W. Hardy†	1				1	2		44	1 50
Cross Roads	Quinerly	Pitt	C. E. Parkerson						1		10	75
Galloway's	Grimesland	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbett, G. M. Corbett†	1		1	1				9	1 00
Goose Creek Island.	Goose Creek Island.	Beaufort.	J. M. Carawin, J. J. Swindell,† J. W. Gaskin†	4				2			64	2 00
Hancock's	Ayden	Pitt	C. C. Bland, Noah Gox, B. Smlth	1							12	1 00
Haskin's Chapel	Bonus	Lenoir.	Elijah Haskin					1			8	1 00
Mewborn's	Jason	Greene	T. C. Hart, J. A. Herring,† L. J. H. Mewborn								24	1 50
*Nahunta	Saulston	Wayne.	J. W. Gardner,† T. B. Lancaster,† Hyman Pate	4			1		9		110	4 00
New Beaver Dam	Pink Hill	Lenoir	By letter					1			14	75
Red Banks	Greenville	Pitt.	David Stocks, A. Williams, John Allen	2				2	5		68	2 00
Sandy Bottom	Kinston	Lenoir	By letter				1				10	1 00
Sandy Grove,	Aurora	Beaufort	J. T. Rowe, I. P. Douty, B. D. Rowe				1		2		43	2 40
Town Creek	St. Lewis	Edgecombe.	B. C. Pitt, J. E. Cobb, Levi Walston†		2	1			2		65	2 00
Tyson's	Farmville	Pitt	J F. Moore, Claton Joyner, J. R. Warren						4		15	1 50
Union	Elm City	Wilson	W B. Williams, J. Whitehead, D. L. Batts	2	2		1		6		98	2 00

†Absent. *Letter and contribution handed to clerk after Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

65th Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD AT

UNION MEETING HOUSE,

Wilson County, N. C.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,

12th, 13th, and 14th Oct. 1895.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 12th, 1895.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Rowe from Isaiah 55:10-11.

2nd. The Messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Harris.

3rd. Elder J. W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. T. Rowe.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach in the afternoon: Elders L. H. Hardy and J. M. Harris. Elder Hardy opened and preached from St. Luke 4:18-19, followed by Elder Harris from Gal. 4:1-3 inclusive.

6th. Brethren W. B. Williams and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee of Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association when the following churches handed in letters and were received, viz: Meadow, Pleasant Hill, Mill Branch and Sapony.

9th. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

(c) Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and J. T. Edgerton and brother Bennett Bullock.

(d) Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. M. Harris and J. A. Burch.

(e) Delaware—Elder W. B. Williams.

(f) Delaware River—Minutes.

(g) Eno—Minutes, brother Z. T. Brooks.

(h) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder W. W. Barnes and brother J. O. Saulsbury.

(i) Little River—Minutes, Elder W. J. Stephenson and brethren J. W. Talton, M. E. Allen, J. W. Creech and others.

(j) Mill Branch—Minutes.

(k) Mayo—Minutes.

(l) New River—Minutes.

(m) Seven Mile—Elder W. B. Williams.

(n) Staunton River—Minutes.

(o) Toisnot—Minutes, H. D. Barnes.

(p) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(q) Warwick—Minutes.

(r) White Oak—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

10th. Brother D. A. Mewborn was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch and brother B. C. Pitt to the White Oak Associations.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Bear Creek Meeting House, in Lenoir county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1896, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and that Elder John R. Rowe preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. C. Pitt his alternate.

12th. Elders W. J. Stephenson, J. T. Edergerton, W. R. Craft and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes, brother J. W. Moore, Elders D. A. Mewborn, J. W. Gardner and T. C. Hart.
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(e) Delaware—Minutes.
(f) Delaware River—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.
(g) Eno—Minutes, Elders J. T. Rowe and W. B. Williams.
(h) Kehukee---Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe and brother Jesse Braswell.
(i) Little River---Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, T. C. Hart and J. W. Gardner.
(j) Mayo---Minutes.
(k) Mill Branch---Minutes and letter, Elder L. H. Hardy.
(l) New River---Minutes.
(m) Seven Mile---Minutes.
(n) Staunton River---Minutes.
(o) Toisnot---Minutes, H. D. Barnes.
(p) Virginia Corresponding Meeting--Minutes.
(q) Warwick---Minutes.
(r) White Oak--Minutes and letter, Elder J. A. Burch.

14th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, Oct. 13th, 1895.

The services of the day were opened by Elder W. J. Stephenson who preached from Romans 6:1-2, followed by Elder J. T. Edgerton from Eph. 2:1.

After an intermission of 45 minutes the people came together and Elder W. R. Craft continued the services from Rev. 20:6, followed by Elder P. D. Gold from Acts 14:22. A good meeting and the preaching was with love and power.

Monday Morning, Oct. 14th, 1895.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. J. Stephenson.

2nd. Elders W. R. Craft and J. A. Burch were appointed to preach today. Elder Craft opened and preached from Romans 4:2, followed by J. A. Burch from Hebrews 1:1-2.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report: In the hands of the treasurer $3.65. Received from the churches this year $37.60; paid for printing these Minutes and postage, $20.00; Clerk's compensation, $10.00; gave to the visiting ministers, $11.25. Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in table of churches.

5th. The letters to the Mill Branch and *White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

*The brother that was appointed to write the letter to the White Oak failed to get the word, therefore he was excused and the Clerk appointed to write one and forward it which he did.

6th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. *Resolved* that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8th. *Resolved*, that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and if she have none that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. *Resolved*, that our Clerk have 1200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

11th. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12th. On motion the Association agreed to correspond with the Seven Mile and Staunton River Associations.

13th. On motion it was requested by the Association that each church composing this Association express in their letters to our next session whether they wish a change in the time of holding our Associations from the present days of Saturday, Sunday and Monday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

14th. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining of the Association.

15th. On motion the Association then adjourned to time and place appointed, with praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

JOHN W. GARDNER, *Moderator.*

L. J. H. MEWBORN, *Clerk.*
J. T. ROWE, *Assistant.*

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J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, “
J. B. Hardie, Greenville, “
Thos. C. Hart, Institute, “
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, “
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, “
D. A. Mewborn, Dongola, “
B. C. Pitt, St. Lewis, “
John R. Rowe, Aurora, N. C.
Joshua T. Rowe, Aurora, “
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, “
J A. Williams, Deep Run, “
W. B. Williams, Elm City, “
†J. R. Williams, Greenville, “
*Henry Cooper, (col) Elm City, “
*G. M. Corbett, Grimesland, “
*B. F. Scott, Trenton, “
*J. A. Whitfield, Seven Springs, “

Those marked thus * Licentiate; † dead.

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Galloway's	10	Grimesland,	“	J. S. Corbett.
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T. C. Hart	Ira Smith	Kinston, “	Sandy Bottom	“ “ “ “
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTY.	[illegible]AMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died	Conf. of F'th.	Fellowship.	Contribution
1	Autrey's Creek	Crisp	Edgecombe	W. R. Abrams, W. H. Brown, Amos Crisp	3	3						26	$ 2 00
2	Bear Creek	LaGrange	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, [illegible] A. Whitfield, A. R. Sutton			1					2	3 00
3	Bethel	Grantsboro	Pamlico	By Letter			1					3	2 00
4	Blount's Creek	Giliad	Beaufort	Ephram Adams	5					1		33	1 75
5	Cedar Island	Roe	Carteret	By Letter	1							4	1 50
6	Cross Roads	Quinerly	Pitt	Not Represented									
7	Galloway's	Grimesland	Pitt	G. M. Corbett, J. B. Williams. J. S. Corbett*					1			10	1 00
8	Goose Creek Island	Lowlands	Beaufort	J. M. Carowan, F. A. Spain	5					1		6	2 00
9	Hancock's	Ayden	Pitt	Noah Cox, Benj. Smith						1		10	1 00
10	Haskin's Chapel	Bonus	Lenoir	Elijah Haskins, J. A. Williams, *B. F. Scott								8	1 00
11	Mewborn's	Jason	Green	T. C. Hart, P. H. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn								24	1 75
12	Meadow	Speight's Bridge	Green.	D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason. *W. F. Craft								26	1 50
13	Mill Branch	Sharpsburg	Nash	J. D. Robbins, Geo. W. Hale								40	1 50
14	Nahunta.	Saulston	Wayne	J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, W. H. Smith	1			1		4		106	4 10
15	Pleasant Hill	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	W. H. Fly, G. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake								77	1 50
16	New Beaver Dam	Pink Hill	Lenoir	By Letter	1					1		14	1 00
17	Red Banks	Greenville	Pitt	John Allen. G. Page, *G. W. Stokes						3		6	2 00
18	Sandy Bottom	Kinston	Lenoir	By Letter								9	1 00
19	Sandy Grove	Aurora	Beaufort	F. Row , I. P. Dowty, C. C. Caton		2				3		42	2 00
20	Sapony	Nashville	Nash	* B. Barnes, J. R. Lindsay								15	50
21	Town Creek	St. Louis	Edgecombe.	Pitt Jesse Braswell, W. F. Walston	6					1		7	2 00
22	Tyson's	Farmville	Pitt	M ore, Clayton Joyner						1		14	1 50
23	Union	Elm City	Wilson	Williams, J. W. Moore, B. F. Weaver	1		5		1	3		93	2 00
				Total,	24	5	7	2	2	20	0	841	$ 37 60

MINUTES

OF THE

69th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MILL BRANCH MEETING HOUSE,
IN NASH COUNTY, N. C.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 7th, 8th and 9th,
1899.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 7th, 1899.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster from Rom., 10:18.

2d. The messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3d. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk who called to his assistance Elder D. A. Mewborn.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach this afternoon, Elders J. S. Woodard, and J. A. Burch. Elder Woodard opened and preached from Psalm 126 5-6. Owing to the inclemency of the weather Elder Burch did not preach.

6th. Brethren J. E. Cobb and L. P. Douty were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations called for.

(a.) Abbotts Creek, minutes.
(b.) Baltimore, minutes.
(c.) Black Creek, minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J. S. Woodard, J. F. Farmer, S. F. Bass and brothers M. Boykin, J. B. Smith and others.
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(k.) Mill Branch, minutes.
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10th. On motion, Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Ketocton Association, was invited to a seat in the Association and was gladly received.

11th. Brother T. B. Lancaster was appointed to write the letter to Mill Branch, and Brother J. E. Cobb to the White Oak Associations.

12th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Meadow Meeting House, in Greene county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. H. Fly his alternate.

13th. Elders P. D. Gold, G. D. Robertson. T. S. Dalton and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

14th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations; also to send minutes as heretofore:

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15th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th, 1899.

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MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1899.

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In the hands of the Treasurer	Nothing
Received from the churches this year	$51 71
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Clerk's compensation	10 00
Gave to the visiting ministers	25 71

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called for, and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were reard, approved and forwarded.

6th On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

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11th. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

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Meadow..	26	Speight's Bridge, "	J. J. Eason.
Mewborn's................	34	Jason, "	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Mill Branch...............	38	Sharpsburg, "	G. W. Hale.
Mount Lebanon...	38	Vanceboro, "	A. J. Carawan.
Nahunta..................	110	Saulston, "	W. H. Smith.
Peach Tree.	23	Spring Hope, "	G. W. Walker.
Pleasant Hill.....	78	Rocky Mount, "	G. W Thomas.
Red Banks................	60	Redalia, "	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom.............	10	Deep Run, "	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove..............	46	Idalia, "	B. D. Rowe.
Sappony..................	28	Nashville, "	J. R. Lindsay.
Town Creek............ ..	70	St. Lewis, "	J. E. Cobb.
Tyson's...	11	Farmville, "	Clayton Joyner.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City, "	Jeremiah Whitehead.

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"	A F Lee..	Beaver Dam....	4th " Mar, June, Sept, Dec
"	Wm Potter	Bethel...........	2nd " " " " "
"	U L Edwards....	Blount's Creek...	3rd " Jan, Ap'l, July, Oct
"	T E Harris..... .	Cedar Island...	3rd " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
"	C E Parkerson...	Cross Roads.....	4th " Mar, June, Sep, Dec
J. S. Corbitt...	G M Corbitt.....	Galloway's	1st " " " " "
....	Jas Potter, Jr....	Goose Creek Isl'd	4th " Jan, Ap'l, July, Oct
C. C. Bland....	Benj Smith......	Hancock's	3rd " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
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T. B. Lancaster.	J H Mewborn ...	Mewborn's	2nd " " " " "
W. H. Fly......	G W Hale.......	Mill Branch.....	1st " Feb, May, Aug, Nov
C. C. Bland....	A J Carawan ...	Mount Lebanon.	
T. B Lancaster.	W H Smith......	Nahunta	3rd " Mar, June, Sept, Dec
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W. B. Williford	J R Lindsay.....	Sappony.........	3rd " " " " "
A. M. Crisp....	J E Cobb.........	Town Creek.....	2nd " " " " "
....	....	Tyson's..........	3rd " " " " "
W. H. Fly......	Jere Whitehead..	Upper Town Ck.	3rd " Mar, June. Sept, Dec

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A. M. Crisp, Crisp, "
W. H. Fly, Rocky Mount, "
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, "
Thos. C. Hart, Institute, "
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, "
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, "
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, "
W. B. Williams, Elm City, "
*B. F. Scott, Trenton, "
*J. A. Whitfield, Seven Springs, "
*Henry Cooper (col.), Elm City, "

*Licentiates.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELD. JOHN R. ROWE.

Elder John Riley Rowe, eldest son of John T. and Penelope Rowe, was born in Beaufort county, N. C., on the 3rd day of January, 1852. His parents were members and his father a deacon in the Primitive Baptist church in the days of his youth, and he early in life manifested love for Primitive Baptist ministers, who were frequently at his father's house.

He always held his parents in high esteem, and though he was wild and mischievous with other boys, they learned that they could place the most implicit confidence in what he told them—that same love of truth that was marked in his character through life having been implanted in him at that early age.

As soon as he could read the Bible was his favorite book, and he read it much with close attention, so that it was very useful to him in after life.

He was convicted of sin and converted to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus in early youth, and joined the Primitive Baptist church on Saturday before the first Sunday in March, 1869, and was baptized by Elder I. Jones.

The church, seeing evidences of his ministerial gift and calling, gave him license to preach wherever God in his providence might direct him, on the 1st Saturday in December, 1873, and on the 1st Sunday in March, 1875, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by a presbytery consisting of Elders A. Jones and B. Whitford.

On the 7th day of October, 1877, he was married to Miss Nancy L Hardy, at his father's, by Elder L. H. Hardy. She proved to be a wife indeed, and as a minister's wife, with such labors in the Lord's vineyard as fell to his lot, she had few equals. Of this union were born unto them two sons and four daughters, all of whom survive him. He had the pleasure to baptize into the fellowship of his home church, Sandy Grove, his wife and oldest daughter, who are useful members and adornments to the church. He was early called on to serve churches in pastoral relationship, and different churches were added to the number of his charges until at the time of his death he was pastor of 7 churches—one in the Kekukee, one in the White Oak and five in the Contentnea Associations. Two of those churches were so situated as to require nearly one hundred miles travel in a sail boat at each visit. Some of the others were long distances from him, so that it was necessary for much of his time to be spent traveling to and from those churches. All those churches will certify to his great faithfulness in serving them, though he has been for several years a great sufferer with severe spells of sick headache, which continually grew more frequent to the end. He consulted several physicians in different parts of the country, but all to no beneficial purpose.

For some years he travelled considerably and preached, so that he was extensively known in this and some other States. Being raised up in the troublous war times, he was deprived of an education, but his strong common sense and love for improvement taught him to obey the injunction of the apostle, "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," &c, and by the help of the Lord he was a speaker of marked ability and demonstration of the spirit.

In politics he was a Democrat, and served with distinction in the Legislature of

1893 and 1894, receiving praise from the speaker for his constant attendance and marked ability as a legislator. He was nominated for the Senate for the next term, but was defeated by the combination of the two opposing parties. He was a favorite of the people of his county, but since has steadily refused official honors.

He and his daughter, Sister Lula L. Rowe, left home Friday before the 1st Sunday in October to attend the Kehukee Association. He was put in the arrangement to preach on Sunday, but was taken sick Saturday night so that he was not able to attend Sunday, but was better Monday and preached the concluding sermon of the Association. He preached with power for over one hour and a half, which was his last sermon on earth. He was taken worse on Tuesday, and stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hodges, in two miles of Washington, where three able physicians were called. His father, one brother, and his daughter Ruby went to see and be with him, but all that they, together with many other friends, could do, could not stay the hand of death. The Lord called His servant home, and on Friday at 9 o'clock a. m. his spirit took its flight to its eternal home.

He was much loved by all his charges, and they feel that their loss is very great, so that it cannot be filled otherwise than by the great power of God; yet they do not feel to complain, feeling sure that it is a providence of God, and that what is their loss is his eternal gain; that his headaches and all other afflictions and privations are done, and he is now resting with Jesus and all the redeemed host of heaven, joining them in all their praises and worship to the adorable Lamb of God.

By economy and industry he has left his family a good home and free from debt. He has left behind him many to mourn their loss, including a dear, aged father, a loving, faithful wife, six children, three brothers, one sister, and many dear brethren, sisters and friends; but they mourn not as those without hope, for they feel the assurance that their great loss is his greater gain.

May the Lord bless all the bereaved and grant them reconciliation to this dispensation of His providence is the prayer of the unworthy writer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Yours, in love and sorrow,

GEO. M. HARDY.

IDALIA, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Post offices.	Counties.	Names of Messengers.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died..	No. in Fellowship.	Contribut'ns.
Autrey's Creek	Crisp	Edgecombe	W R Abrams, J F Brown, A B Wooten	11	..			..	..	42	$2 00
Bear Creek	LaGrange	Lenoir	R W Sutton, Jas W Sutton, A R Sutton*	2	..					20	[illegible] 05
Beaver Dam	Kinston	Lenoir	Not represented								
Bethel	Grantsboro	Pamlico	Represented by letter	1	..	..	1	..	..	33	2 00
Blount's Creek	Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill	1	..	..	..	..	1	35	1 75
Cedar Island	Roe	Carteret	Not represented								
Cross Roads	Quinnerly	Pitt	Not represented								
Galloway's	Grimesland	Pitt	J B Williams, C M Corbitt, J S Corbitt*	..	1	..	..	..	..	11	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Lowland	Beaufort	H S Walston, J W Smith, J J Swindell	1	..	..	..	..	..	79	2 00
Hancock's	Ayden	Pitt	Benj Smith, Noah Cox		..	..	..	..	..	13	1 00
Haskins' Chapel	Bonus	Lenoir	Not represented								
Meadow	Speight's Bridge	Greene	J J F[illegible]son, D A Mewborn, W J Craft*	3	..	..	..	..	..	26	4 05
Mewborn's	Jason	Greene	J L Mewborn, W H Wills, L H Mewborn	..	1	..	..	..	1	34	5 00
Mill Branch	Sharpsburg	Nash	J C Luper,* J B Whitly, J W Joyner	2	..	...	..	1	..	38	2 00
Mount Lebanon	Vanceboro	Craven	B S Willis, A P Whitford,* John Parson*	3	..	..	..	..	1	38	1 50
Nahunta	Saulston	Wayne	T B Lancaster, J W Gardner, W H Smith	5	..	..	2	..	1	117	5 86
Pleasant Hill	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	W H Fly, J L Brake, G W Thomas	8	...	..	2	..	..	79	2 00
Peach Tree	Hunt's	Nash	W G Walker, J G Creedmore	1	1	..	..	..	..	23	1 50
Red Banks	Greenville	Pitt,	G W Stokes, Guilford Page, A Williams	...	..	..	..	..	..	61	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Deep Run	Lenoir	Not represented								
Sandy Grove	Idalia	Beaufort	I P Douty, T B Ross, B D Rowe*	2	..	2	..	..	1	46	2 00
Sappony	Nashville	Nash	W A Joyner, D W Pitman	2	..	..	..	..	..	28	2 00
Town Creek	St. Lewis	Edgecombe	J F Cobb, W F Watson, B F Harris*	11	..	..	2	..	..	71	2 00
Tyson's	Farmville	Pitt	Represented by letter	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	1 00
Upper Town Creek	Elm City	Wilson	W B Williams, J M Stephenson, Jere Whitehead	18	..	1	1	2	1	116	[illegible] 00

MINUTES

OF THE

70th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Meadow Meeting House
GREENE COUNTY, N. C.

—ON—

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 13th, 14th-15th of
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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 13, 1900.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from the 5th chapter and 17th to 24th verses of John.

2. After a short intermission, the messengers from the several churches assembled, and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator, and brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk, who called to his assistance brother G. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach this afternoon, Elders L. P. Adams and W. A. Simpkins. Elder Adams opened and preached from 2nd Cor., 2:6,7, followed by Elder Simpkins from Deut., 32:2.

6. Brethren J. E. Cobb and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee on fiinance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for:

(a). Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder P. W. Williard.
(b). Baltimore—Minutes.
(c). Black Creek—Minutes, B. A. Scott and others.
(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elders L. H. Hardy and J. A. Burch.
(e). Delaware—Minutes.
(f). Delaware River—Minutes.
(g). Eno—J. J. Whitfield and others.
(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Elder Strickland and others.
(i). Little River—Minutes, Elders Simpkins, Stephenson and others.
(j). Mayo.
(k). Mill Branch.
(l). New River.
(m). Seven Mile—Minutes, Eld. L. P. Adams and J. G. Turlington.
(n). Staunton River—Minutes.
(o). Toisnot—Minutes, brother Moore and other visitors.
(p). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(q). Warwick—Minutes.
(r). White Oak—Minutes, Elder I. Jones and others.

10. Brother J. D. Fly was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch, and Bro. J. J. Eason to the White Oak Associations.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Town Creek meet-

ing house, in Edgecombe county, N. C.. services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1901, at 11 o'clock. a m., and that Elder W. W. Brinson preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. C. Hart his alternate.

12. Elders Willard, Merideth, Hardy and Gold were appoidted to preach on Sunday.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a). Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
(b). Baltimore—Minutes.
(c). Black Creek—Minutes, Elder T. C. Hart and Bro. E. D. Barnes.
(d). Country Line—Minutes, T. C. Hart and W. B. Williams.
(e). Delaware—Minutes.
(f): Delaware River—Minutes.
(g). Eno—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams and J. W. Gardner.
(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Eld. T. C. Hart and Bros. J. J. Eason and G. M. Corbitt.
(i). Little River—Minutes, Elds. W. B. Williams and J. W. Gardner.
(j). Mayo—Minutes.
(k). Mill Branch—Minutes and Letter.
(l). New River—Minutes.
(m). Seven Mile—Minutes—Elders W. B. Williams, L. E. Everett and A. M. Crisp.
(n). Staunton River—Minutes.
(o). Toisnot—Minutes,
(p). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(q). Warwick—Minutes.
(r). White Oak—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, T. C. Hart, D. A. Mewborn.

14. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 14, 1900.

The services of the day were opened with praise and prayer by Elder I. Jones. Then Elder P. W. Williard preached from Matt. 18, followed by Elder W. W. Meredith from Isa., 27:12,13.

After an intermission of one hour the service was continued by L. H. Hardy, from Luke, 4:18,19. Elder P. D. Gold concluded from the words, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The preaching was with the ability the Lord giveth. Congregation large and well behaved. We pray that God may bless the words spoken, and it may be as seed sown on good ground, to grow up to the honor of the blessed Redeemer.

MONDAY MORNING, October 15, 1900.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Staton.

2. Elders Burch, Moore and Jones were appointed to preach to-day. Elder Burch opened and preached from Titus, 2:1, followed by Elder

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Moore from Psa., 108:1-8, and concluded by Elder Jones from portion of 22nd Rev.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of the treasurer		$ 0 00
Received from the churches this year		63 92
Paid for printing these minutes and postage	$16 00	
Clerk's compensation	10 00	
Given to the visiting ministers	37 92	—$63 92

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and, if she have none, that she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

10. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

11. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

On motion, the Association then adjourned, with praise and prayer, to meet at the time and place appointed.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Mod.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.
G. M. HARDY, Ass't Clerk.

The following ministers agreed to visit the church at Sandy Bottom during the year 1900–1, on the second Sunday in each month, as follows:

November	T. B. Lancaster.	May	D. A. Mewborn.
December	T. C. Hart.	June	W. B. Williams
January	J. W. Gardner.	July	W. W. Brinson.
February	D. A. Mewborn.	August	G. M. Corbitt.
March	W. H. Fly.	September	A. M. Crisp.
April	L. E. Everett.		

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Rules of Decorum.

Article 1.—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3.—Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderatar when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7.—No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8.—No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these Rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose, to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letters and messenger, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely neccessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches, for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Associatien; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who, on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

Art. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

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L E Everett	Clayton Joyner	Tyson's	3rd "	" " " "
W H Fly	Jere Whitehead	Up'r T'wn C'k	3rd "	March, June, Sept., Dec

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G M Corbitt	"	"
A M Crisp	Crisp,	"
L E Everett	Farmville,	"
W H Fly	Rocky Mount,	"
J W Gardner	Goldsboro,	"
Thos C Hart	Institute,	N. C.
J W Jackson	Rocky Mount,	"
T B Lancaster	Saulston,	"
D A Mewborn	Farmville,	"
H B Tucker	Greenville,	"
W B Williams	Elm City,	"
*B F Scott	Trenton,	"
*J A Whitfield	Seven Springs,	"
*Henry Cooper, (col)	Elm City,	"

*Licentiates.

Distribution of Minutes to the Asaociations.

ASSOCIATIONS	NO.	POST OFFICE		SENT IN CARE OF.
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mills	N. C.	A P Leach.
Baltimore	8	Baltimore,	Md.	Dr. John Thorn.
Black Creek	24	Wilson,	N. C.	Eld. P D Gold.
Country Line	24	Ravenswood,	"	Eld. L H Hardy.
Delaware	7	State Roads,	Del.	Eld. E Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southampton,	Pa.	Eld. S H Durand.
Eno	6	Durham,	N. C.	G C Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston,	"	Eld. S Hassell,
Little River	20	Gully's Mill,	"	Eld. J A T Jones.
Mayo	21	Tim,	Va.	Eld. E M Barnard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon,	N. C.	M M Harrelson.
New River	20	Floyd Court House,	Va.	Eld. P G Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson,	N. C.	C Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold,	"	R L Dodson.
Toisnot	6	Whitaker's,	"	Eld. A J Moore.
Va. Corresponding Meeting	9	Aldie,	Va.	Eld. J N Badger.
Warwick	8	Warwick,	N. Y.	Eld. W L Beebe.
White Oak	[illegible]	Maple Hill,	N. C.	Eld. Isaac Jones.

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Beaver Dam	15	Kinston,	"	A F Lee.
Bethel	33	Alliance,	"	Wm Potter.
Blount's Creek	35	Edwards,	"	U L Edwards.
Cedar Island	35	Roe,	"	Thomas L Goodwin.
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Haskin's Chapel	7	Trenton,	"	B F Scott.
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Peach Tree	23	Spring Hope,	"	G W Walker.
Pleasant Hill	78	Rocky Mount,	"	G W Thomas.
Red Banks	60	Redalia,	"	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Deep Run,	"	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Small,	"	B D Rowe.
Sappony	28	Nashville,	"	J R Lindsay.
Town Creek	70	St Lewis,	"	J E Cobb.
Tyson's	11	Farmville,	"	Clayton Joyner.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City,	"	Jeremiah Whitehead

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	W R Abrams, J F Brown, A M Crisp	5	1			1		49	$2 00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	A R Sutton, J H Dawson, R W Sutton		1		1		1	26	7 50
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter						1	12	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Josiah Tingle							33	1 50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill, U L Edwards,* Britton Edwards*						1	34	1 75
Cedar Island	Carterett. 1899	By Letter ... 1899	2					2	47	2 00
	1900	Thos L Goodwin, S Emory, J W Styron* ... 1900	1					1	45	2 00
Cross Roads	Pitt									
Galloway	Pitt	G M Corbitt, J B Williams							11	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	J M Carawan, W T Dillon	4			2		2	79	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benj Smith, Jerry McLawhorn	1	3	2			1	14	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir									
Meadow	Greene	J J Eason, D A Mewborn, W J Craft	1					2	25	3 70
Mewborn's	Greene	W H Wells. T C Hart, L J H Mewborn						2	32	5 70
Mill Branch	Nash	G W Hales, J W Joyner*, Emerson Joyner	10				2	3	45	2 00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	Hardy Willis, William Whitford. D B Caton	1					2	36	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, J W Gardner, M S Smith	2			3	1	3	113	6 02
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J D Fly, W H Fly, H L Brake	5		1			1	82	2 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W G Walker, W C M Sikes	1		1			2	21	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	James Hardie, James Williams, John Dunn	3					1	63	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	By Letter						1	6	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B D Rowe, G M Hardy, I P Dowty						3	43	2 00
Sapony	Nash	E B Barnes, W A Joyner	7			1		1	33	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J E Cobb, B F Harris,* H H Drake	4		1			3	71	5 25
Tyson's	Pitt	Clayton Joyner,* L E Everett, M Joyner*	5	2					18	2 50
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J M Stephenson, W B Williams, J B Williams	13	1	11		1	9	111	3 00

MINUTES

—OF THE—

71st Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association

—HELD AT—

TOWN CREEK MEETING HOUSE
Edgecombe County, N. C.

—COMMENCING ON—

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY
OCT. 12TH, 13TH, AND 14TH, 1901.

Landmark Steam Printing House,
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PROCEEDINGS.

October 12th, 1901.

1st. The service was opened by Elder J. T. Rowe. Then Elder T. C. Hart preached from Heb. 2: 10.

2nd. After a short intermission the messenger from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praises and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborne clerk, who called to his assistance brother B. D. Rowe.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach this afternoon: Elders J F. Farmer, J. T. Coats, P. W. Williard. Text, 2nd Cor. 1: 1; Text, Psalms, 104: 1, Text, Matt. 22: 29.

6th. Brethren I. P. Douty and J. E. Cobb were appointed a committee on Finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. The church at Damascus petitioned and was received a member.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Elder P. W. Williard.
(b) Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe.
(c) Black Creek—J. T. Thomas, Elders P. D. Gold, Frank Farmer.
(d) Country Line—Minutes.
(e) Delaware—
(f) Delaware River—
(g) Eno—Minutes.
(h) Kehukee—Minutes. Elder G. D. Robertson and brethren W. C. Trevathan, I. W. Bass.
(i) Little River—Minutes; Elder J. T. Coats and brother W. J. Morgan.
(j) Mayo—
(k) Mill Branch—Minutes.
(l) New River—
(m) Seven Mile—Minutes.
(n) Staunton River—
(o) Toisnot—Minutes.
(p) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—
(q) Warwick—
(r) White Oak—Minutes; Elder I. Jones.

10th. Brother B. D. Rowe was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch and brother J. J. Eason to the White Oak Associations.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Red Banks meeting house in Pitt county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that

Elder C. C. Bland preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. H. Fly, his alternate.

12th. Elders Rowe, Robertson, Norton and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations; also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes.

(c) Black Creek—Minutes; J. D. Fly, G. W. Hales.

(d) Country Line—Minutes; Elder W. B. Williams.

(e) Delaware—Minutes.

(f) Delaware River—Minutes.

(g) Eno—Minutes; Elder W. B. Williams.

(h) Kehukee—Minutes; J. E. Cobb, J. M. Stephenson.

(i) Little River—Minutes; Elders L. E. Everett, J. S. Corbett and W. B. Williams.

(j) Mayo--Minutes.

(k) Mill Branch--Minutes.

(l) New River--Minutes.

(m) Seven Mile--Minutes; Elders W. B. Williams and L. E. Everett.

(n) Staunton River--Minutes.

(o) Toisnot—Minutes.

(p) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(q) Warwick--Minutes.

(r) White Oak---Minutes; Elders W. B. Williams and L. E. Everett.

14th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morring, October 13th, 1901.

The services of the day were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Woodard. Then Elder J. T. Rowe preached from Psalms 72: 6, followed by Elder G. D. Robertson, Eph. 5.—"The wife see that she reverence her husband."

After an intermission of 45 minutes the service was resumed by Elder J. A. Norton from 1st Cor. 15: 11, followed by Elder I. Jones, from the words "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints, &c."

Monday Morning, October 14th, 1901.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A J. Norton.

2. Elders W. A. Simpkins and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach to-day. It being too disagreeable to hold service at the stand preaching was held in the house. Elder Simpkins opened and preached from John 6: 45, followed by Elder P. D. Gold, from Romans 12: 1.---"I beseech you brethren therefore that you present, &c."

3. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hand of the treasurer		
Received from the churches this year		$64 20
Paid for printing these minutes and postage	$16 00	
Clerk's compensation	10 00	
Give to the visiting ministers	38 20	
	$64 20	$64 20

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

7. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12. On motion, it was agreed that the matter as to changing of the time of holding the Association be referred to the churches, to be expressed in their letter to the Association next year whether they wish it changed from Saturday 2nd Sunday and Monday to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Sunday or any other days of the week.

On motion, the Association then adjourned, with praise and prayer by Elder, S. Moore.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Mod.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.

B. D. ROWE, Ass't,

The following ministers agreed to visit the church at Sandy Bottom during the year 1901-02, on the second Sunday in each month, as follows:

November	T. B. Lancaster	May	D. A. Mewborn
December	T. C. Hart	June	W. B. Williams
January	J. W. Gardner	July	W. W. Brinson
February	D. A. Mewborn	August	G. M. Corbett
March	W. H. Fly	September	A. M. Crisp
April	L. E. Everett		

Rules of Decorum.

Art. 1.—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3.—Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7.—No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8.—No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech,

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying that their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letters and messengers, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the association; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, and Postoffices.

C C Bland	Ayden,	N. C	Thos C Hart	Institute,	N. C.
W W Brinson	Reelsboro,	"	J W Jackson	Rocky Mount,	"
J S Corbitt	Grimesland	"	T B Lancaster	Saulston,	"
G M Corbitt		"	D A Mewborn.;	Farmville,	"
A M Crisp	Crisp	"	H B Tucker	Greenville,	"
L E Everett	Farmville	"	W B Williams	Elm City,	"
W H Fly	Rocky Mount	"	*B F Scott	Trenton,	"
J W Gardner	Coldsboro	"	*J A Whitfield	Seven Springs,	"
			*Henry Cooper, (col)	Elm City,	"
*Licentiates.			J D Fly	Rocky Mount,	"

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Damascus	15	Farmville,	"	L E Everette.

Names of Pastors, Clerks, Churches and Times ot Holding Quarterly Meetings.

PASTOES.	CLERKS	CHURCHES.	Time of Holding Quar. Meetings					
A M Crisp	J F Brown	Autrey's Cre'k	1st	Sun. in	March,	June,	Sept.,	Dec.
T B Lancaster	A R Sutton	Bear Creek	1st	"	Feb,	May,	August,	Nov.
Gardner Bryan	A F Lee	Beaver Dam	4th	"	March,	June,	Sept.,	Dec.
	John P Tingle	Bethel	2nd	"	"	"	"	"
	U L Edwards	Edwards	3rd	"	Jan.,	April,	July,	Oct.
E E Lundy	T E Harris	Cedar Island	3rd	"	Feb,	May,	August,	Nov.
	C E Parkerson	Cross Roads	4th	"	March,	June,	Sept.,	Dec.
J S Corbitt	G M Corbitt	Galloway's	1st	"	"	"	"	"
E E Lundy	Jos Potter, Jr.	Goose C'k Is'd	4th	"	Jan.,	April,	July,	Oct.
C C Bland	Benj, Smith	Hancock's	3rd	"	Feb.,	May,	August,	Nov.
	B F Scott	Haskin's Ch'l.	1st	"	March,	June,	Sept.,	Dec.
D A Mewborn	J J Eason	Meadow	4th	"	"	"	"	"
T B Lancaster	L J H Mewborn	Mewborn's	2nd	"	"	"	"	"
W H Fly	G W Hale	Mill Branch	1st	"	Feb.,	May,	August,	Nov.
C C Bland	A J Carrawan	Mt. Lebanon						
T B Lancaster	W H Smith	Nahunta	3rd	"	March,	June.	Sept.,	Dec.
M B Williford	W G Walker	Peach Tree	2nd	"	Feb,	May,	August,	Nov.
J W Jackson	G W Thomas	Pleasant Hill	4th	"	"	"	"	"
H B Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks	2nd	"	"	"	"	"
	Ira Smith	Sandy Bottom	2nd	"	"	"	"	"
W W Brinson	B D Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st	"	"	"	"	"
M B Williford	J R Lindsay	Sapony	3rd	"	"	"	"	"
A M Crisp	J E Cobb,	Town Creek	2nd	"	"	"	"	"
L E Everett	Clayton Joyner	Tyson's	3rd	"	"	"	"	"
W H Fly	Jere Whitehead	Up'r T'wn C'k	3rd	"	March,	June,	Sept.	Dec.
L E Everett		Damascus	2nd	"	"	"	"	"

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Bear Creek	Lenoir	R W Sutton, Jos W Sutton, J A Whitfield*	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	6 00
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Represented by letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G W Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	1 50
Cedar Island	Carterett	W W Styron. T L Goodwin, J H Goodwin	10	1	..	1	..	2	53	2 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Galloway's	Pitt	Jas S Corbitt, G M Corbitt, J B Williams	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1 00
Goose Cr'k Island	Beaufort	Jas T Leary, Abram E Hopkins	..	1	..	..	2	1	81	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benjamin Smith, Noah Cox	..	..	2	..	..	..	14	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meadow	Greene	J J Eason, W J Craft, D A Mewborn	2	..	2	..	..	..	22	4 75
Mewborn's	Greene	T C Hart, L J H Mewborn, W H Wells*	..	..	..	1	..	..	31	5 25
Mill Branch	Nash	G W Hales, Emerson Joyner, T J Robbins	2	..	..	1	1	2	45	2 00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	Bryan C Whitford, A J Whitford, John Parson*	3	..	..	1	..	1	38	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, W H Smith,* James McKeel	3	..	†1	..	..	3	110	7 50
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W H Fly, J D Fly, J L Brake	1	..	1	..	..	3	79	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W G Walker, W C M Sikes	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	J T Dunn, G Page, G W Stokes	..	..	..	..	..	3	60	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Represented by letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 25
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B D Rowe, I P Douty, T B Ross*	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	2 00
Sappony	Nash	John R Lindsay, Dallis Odum	1	..	..	2	..	2	30	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	Jesse Brazwell, J H Bosemon, J H Evans	3	..	..	..	..	5	69	300
Tyson's	Pitt	A P Turnage, Alford Moore, Clayton Joyner	7	..	3	1	..	..	21	4 10
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W B Williams, J M Stephenson, D L Batts	9	4	..	2	..	5	117	3 00
Damascus	Pitt	L E Everett	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	1 85

†Nahunta received 1 by confession of faith.

MINUTES

OF THE 72nd ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD AT

RED BANKS MEETING HOUSE,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.

—CONVENING ON—

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
OCTOBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1902.

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PROCEEDINGS.

October 11, 1902.

1. The services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold. Then Elder W. H. Fly preached from II Tim. iv: 2.

2. After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. P. Adams.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. George M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5. Appointed to preach this afternoon: Elders L. P. Adams, and J. E. Adams. Text Eph. ii: 4; John vi: 38 39.

6. Brethren J. E. Cobb and I. P. Dowty were appointed a committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

(a) Abbott's Creek —Minutes.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes—Elder P. D. Gold and Bro. Thos. Clark.
(d) Country Line—Minutes—Elder J A Burch and Bro. J W Gilliam.
(e) Delaware—Minutes.
(f) Delaware River—Minutes.
(g) Eno—Minutes.
(h) Kehukee—Minutes—I. Bass, L. Flemming, M Shingleton, and Elders Lawrence, G D Roberson and Samuel Moore.
(i) Little River—Minutes—Eldr J. E. Adams and minutes.
(j) Mayo—No communication.
(k) Mill Branch—Minutes.
(l) New River—No communication.
(m) Seven Miles—Minuets—Elder L P Adams.
(n) Staunton River—No communication.
(o) Virginia Corresponding Meeting, Minutes.
(p) Warwick—Minutes.
(q) White Oak—Minutes—Elder I. Jones and Bro. M. N. White.

10. Brother J. P. Tingle was appointed to write the letter to Mill Branch and Brother T. C. Hart to White Oak Associations.

11. Appointed our next Association to be held at Sandy Grove Meeting House in Beaufort county, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903, at 11 o'clock a m and that Elder C C Bland preach the introductory sermon and Elder Thos C Hart his alternate.

12. Elders Gold, Burch, Roberson and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
(b) Baltimore—Minutes.
(c) Black Creek—Minutes, T C Hart. H Pate, W B Williams.
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(i) Little River—Minutes, Elders W B Williams and C C Bland.
(j) Mayo—Minutes.
(k) Mill Branch—Minutes.
(l) New River—Minutes.
(m) Seven Miles—Minutes, Elder W B Williams.
(n) Staunton River—Minutes, Elder C C Bland.
(o) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
(p) Warwick—Minutes
(q) White Oak—Minutes, Elder T. C. Hart, W W Brinson, W B Williams.

14. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 12, 1902.

The services of the day were opened by Elder P D Gold who preached from John xvii: 11, followed by Elder J A Burch from John xiv: 29. After an intermission the services were resumed by Elder George D. Roberson from Acts xx:20. Elder Isaac Jones closed—Matt. iii:16 We feel the preaching was of the Lord and may he have all the glory. It was a lovely meeting and we feel some poor soul got a crumb by the shepherds' tent.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 13, 1902.

1. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J A Burch.

2. Elders Lawrence, Jones and Moore were appointed to preach today. Elder Lawrence opened and preached fromLuke i: 17, followed by Eld. Isaac Jones from Hebrews xi: 1. Elder Samuel Moore closed from words "Look upon Zion," &c.

3. The committee on finance made the following report·

In hands of Treasurer...		$........
Received from the churches this year.........................		64 70
Paid for printing these minutes and postage...............	$16 00	
Clerks' compensation	10 00	
Gave to the visiting Ministers..................................	38 70	
	$64 70	$64 70

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. The letters to the Mill Branch and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved, that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

7. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such,

8. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11. On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12. A majority of the churches having expressed in their letter that they desired no change in the time of holding the association it is hereby agreed that the next session be held as stated in article eleven, Saturday's proceedings.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder Burch.

The following brethren agreed to visit the church at Sandy Bottom as follows.

November, T. B. Lancaster; December, T. C. Hart; January, T. C. Hart; February, D H. Newborn; March W. H. Fly; April J. S. Corbitt; May, C. C. Bland; June, Thos. Clark; July, W W. Brinson; August, Geo. M. Corbett; September, A. M. Crisp;

Eld. W. B. WILLIAMS,
Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.
G. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Decorum.

Art. 1.—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the sufirage of the members present.

Art. 3.—Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7.—No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8.—No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

[redacted]

Art. 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiencs, we, the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Article 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letters and messengers, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expences of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First, to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association, fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association: sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, and Postoffices.

C C Bland	Ayden,	N C	J W Jackson	Rocky Mount,	N C
W W Brinson	Reelsboro,	"	T B Lancaster	Saulston,	"
J S Corbitt	Greenville,	"	D A Mewborn	Farmville,	"
G M Corbitt	Greenville,	"	H B Tucker	Greenville,	"
A M Crisp	Crisp,	"	W B Williams	Elm City,	"
W H Fly	Rocky Mount,	"	*B F Scott	Trenton,	"
J W Gardner	Goldsboro,	"	*J A Whitffeld	Seven Springs	"
Thos C Hart	Institute,	"	*J D Fly	Rocky Mount,	"

*Licentiate,

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

ASSOCIATION.	NO.	POST OFFICE.		SENT IN CARE OF
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mills,	N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Baltimore,	Md.	Dr. John Thorn.
Black Creek	24	Wilson,	N. C.	Eld. P. D. Gold.
Country Line	24	Reidsville,	"	Eld. L. H. Hardy.
Delaware	7	State Roads,	Del.	Eld. E. Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southampton,	Pa.	Eld. S. H. Durand.
Eno	6	Durham,	N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston,	"	Eld. S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Gulley's Mill,	"	Eld. J. A. T. Jones.
Mayo	21	Tim,	Va.	Eld. E. M. Bernard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon,	N. C.	M. M. Harrelson.
New River	20	Floyd Court House,	Va.	Eld. P. G. Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson,	N. C.	C. Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold,	"	R. L. Dodson.
Toisnot	6	Whitakers,	"	Eld. A. J. Moore.
Va. Corresponding Meeting	9	Aldie,	Va.	Eld. J. N. Badger.
Warwick	9	Middletown,	N. Y.	Elder H, C. Kerr.
White Oak	10	Maple Hill,	N. C.	Eld. Isaac Jones.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

CHURCHES.	NO.	POST OFFIC.		CARE OF
Autrey's Creek	40	Crisp,	N. C.	J. F. Brown.
Bear Creek	26	LaGrange,	"	A. R. Sutton.
Beaver Dam	15	Deep Run,	"	A. F. Lee.
Bethel	33	Grantsboro,	"	John P. Tingle.
Blount's Creek	35	Edwards,	"	U. L. Edwards.
Cedar Island	35	Roe,	"	Thomas L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	10	Greenville,	"	G. M. Corbitt.
Galloway's	12	Greenville,	"	G. M. Corbitt.
Goose Creek Island	75	Lowlands,	"	James Potter, Jr.
Hancock's	13	Ayden,	"	Benj. Smith.
Haskin's Chapel	7	Trenton,	"	B. F. Scott.
Meadow	28	Speight's Bridge,	"	J. J. Eason.
Mewborn's	38	Arba,	"	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Mill Branch	38	Sharpsburg,	"	G. W. Hale.
Mount Lebanon	34	Zorah,	"	W. D. Whitford.
Nahunta	110	Saulston,	"	W. H. Smith.
Peach Tree	23	Spring Hope,	"	W. G. Walker.
Pleasant Hill	78	Rocky Mount,	"	G. W. Thomas.
Red Banks	60	Redalia,	"	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Deep Run,	"	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Small,	"	B. D. Rowe.
Sappony	28	Nashville,	"	J. R. Lindsay.
Town Creek	70	St. Lewis,	"	B. F. Harris.
Tyson's	21	Farmville,	"	A. P. Turnage.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City,	"	Jeremiah Whitehead.
Damascus	15	Farmville,	"	D. A. Mewborn.

Names of Pastors, Clerks, Churches and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CHURCHES.	TIME OF HOLDING QUAR. MEETINGS.		
A. M. Crisp	J. F. Brown	Autry's Creek	1st	Sunday in	March, June, Sept., Dec.
T. B. Lancaster	A. R. Sutton	Bear Creek	1st	"	Feb., May, August, Nov.
Gardner Bryant	A. F. Lee	Beaver Dam	4th	"	March, June, Sept., Dec.
	John P. Tingle	Bethel	2nd	"	" " " "
	U. L. Edwards	Edwards	3rd	"	January, April, July, Oct.
E. E. Lunday	T. E. Harris	Cedar Island	3rd	"	Feb., May, August, Nov.
	C. E. Parkerson	Cross Roads	4th	"	March, June, Sept., Dec.
J. S. Corbitt	G. M. Corbitt	Galloway's	1st	"	" " " "
E. E. Lundy	Jos. Potter, Jr	Goose Cr'k Island	4th	"	Jan., April, July, Oct.
C. C. Bland	Benj. Smith	Hancock's	3rd	"	Feb., May, August, Nov.
	B. F. Scott	Haskin's Chapel	1st	"	March, June, Sept., Dec.
D. A. Mewborn	J. J. Eason	Meadow	4th	"	" " " "
T. B. Lancaster	L. J. H. Mewborn.	Mewborn's	2nd	"	" " " "
W. H. Fly	G. W. Hale	Mill Branch	1st	"	Feb., May, August, Nov.
C. C. Bland	A. J. Carrawan	Mt. Lebanon	4th	"	" " " "
T. B. Lancaster	W. H. Smith	Nahunta	3rd	"	March, June, Sept., Dec.
M. B. Williford	W. G. Walker	Peach Tree	2nd	"	Feb., May, August, Nov.
J. W. Jackson	G. W. Thomas	Pleasant Hill	4th	"	" " " "
H. B. Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks	2nd	"	" " " "
	Ira Smith	Sandy Bottom	2nd	"	" " " "
W. W. Brinson	B. D. Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st	"	" " " "
M. B. Williford	J. R. Lindsay	Sapony	3rd	"	" " " "
A. M. Crisp	J. E. Cobb	Town Creek	2nd	"	" " " "
W. H. Fly	A. P. Turnage.	Tyson's	3rd	"	" " " "
	Jere Whitehead.	Upper Town Creek	3rd	"	March, June, Sept., Dec.
		Damascus	2nd	"	" " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	A. M. Crisp, J. F. Brown, W. R. Abram	5		1	1		2	53	$2 50
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. H. Dawson, J. S. Sutton						1	24	8 00
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Represented by Letter						1	11	1 00
Bethel 1901	Pamlico	1901 Represented by Letter	2			3			33	1 50
Bethel 1902		1902 W. W. Brinson, J. T. Tingle, W. K. Rowe	7		1	2			31	1 50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G. W. Hill, A. E. Hill*			1		1	3	31	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret	S. Emory, W. G. Goodwin, W. Goodwin	1					1	53	2 50
Cross Roads	Pitt	Represented by Letter								
Damascus	Pitt	D. A. Mewborn				1			7	1 00
Galloways	Pitt	J. B. Williams, G. M. Corbitt, J. C. Corbitt							11	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	Represented by Letter	2			1		1	81	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	Robert Wilson, J. Cox, Noah Cox	2						15	2 00
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	B. F. Scott							5	
Meadow	Greene	D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, W. J. Craft*	4		1				27	5 80
Mewborn's	Greene	Thos. C. Hart, J. L. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn						1	30	3 85
Mill Branch	Nash	G. W. Hale, Emerson Joyner,* W. N. Joyner*	1		1	1	1	3	42	1 50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford, A. J. Whitford	1	2				2	38	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, James McKeel, H. Pate	5			2		2	111	7 80
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. H. Fly, J. D. Fly, J. L. Brake	5					1	83	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W. G. Walker, W. C. M. Sikes							20	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks, H. B. Tucker, G. Page	1					3	58	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Represented by Letter							6	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, I. P. Dowty, T. R. Ross					1	1	43	2 00
Sapony	Nash	E. B. Barnes,* J. R. Lindsay		1				1	30	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, H. H. Drake, B. F. Harris*	1					5	65	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, A. Moore,* C. Joyner							21	2 00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B, Williams, J. J. Moore, J. B. Williams	8	5		4		5	122	3 00

*Those marked * absent.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-third Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD AT

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BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 10, 11

and 12, 1903.

PRESSES OF
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.,
WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday morning October 10th, 1903.

1st. The service was opened by Elder C. C. Bland, who preached from Acts 7-59.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. L. Harrison.

3rd. W. B. Williams was chosen moderator, and Brother L. T. H. Mewborne, clerk, who called to his assistance Brother George M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders J. A. Burch and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder J. A. Burch opened, and preached from 2nd Peter, 1-3, followed by Elder Isaac Jones from the words, Salvation is of the Lord.

6th. Brethren J. P. Tingle and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a committee on financeand to distribute the minutes to the churchs.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petionary letters were called for to join the association.

9th. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

(a). Abbotts Creek—No communication.

(b). Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(c). Black Creek—Minutes, Elder P. D. Gold.

(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. A. Burch.

(e). Delaware—Minutes.

(f). Delaware River—Minutes.

(g). Eno—No communication.

(h). Kehukee—Minutes, Elders Charles Meades, A. L. Harrison and Brother L. Fleming and others.

(i). Little River—No communication.

(j). Mayo—No communication.

(k). Mill Branch—Minutes.

(l). New River—No communication.

(m). Seven Miles—Minutes.

(n). Staunton River—No communication.

(o). Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(p). Warwick—Minutes.

(q). White Oak—Minutes, Elder I. Jones and Brother M. N. White

10th. Appointed our next association to be held at Mewborn meeting house, in Green county, N. C., on Saturday beforethe secoond Sunday in October, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder D. A. Mewborn preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. W. Jackson his alternate.

11. Elders Charles Meades J. R. Booton, J. T. Rowe and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brothers agreed to visit sister associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a). Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

(b). Baltimore—Minutes.

(c). Black Creek—Minutes, H. Pate, J. J. Eason, Elder T. C. Hart.

(d). Country Line—Minutes, Elders T. C. Hart, W. B. Williams.

(e). Delaware—Minutes.

(f). Delaware River—Minutes.

(g). Eno—Minutes.

(h). Kehukee—Minutes, H. H. Drake, G. W. Hale, R. E. Adams.

(i). Little River—Minutes, Elders T. B. Lancaster, W. B. Williams.

(j). Mayo—Minutes.

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(q). White Oak—Minutes, EldersT. B. Lancaster.D. A. Mewborn, W. W. Brinson.

13th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday morning, October 10, 1903.

The services of the day were opened by Elder Charles Meades, from St. John 6-40, followed by Elder J. K. Booton from 1st Timothy 3:16. After an intermission services were resumed, Elder J. T. Rowe from Rom. 5-19. Elder P. D. Gold closed from Hebrews last chapterand 21-22 verses.

The preaching was with love and harmonyfrom the Lord and we praythat some poor hungry soul receive a crumb.

Monday Morning Oct. 11, 1903.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2nd. Elders A. L. Harrison, T. B. Lancaster and W. H. Fly, Elder Harrison opened and preached from Eph. 2-8, followed by Elder T. B. Lancaster from 1st Cor. 1:30, Elder W. H. Fly closed with very appropriate remarks.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		$
Received from the churches this year		69.52
In the hands of the treasurer		$16.00
Clerk's compensation	10.00	
Gave to the visiting ministers	43.52	
	$69.52	$69.52

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

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10th. On motion, the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

11th. On motion, the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the associaton.

12th. There seems to be a growing feeling among the churches to represent by letter alone. It is therefore resolved by the association that hereafter the churches must represent by messengers as well as letter.

13th. On motion adjourned to time and place. Prayer by Elder C. Meades.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

L. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

The following brethren agreed to visit Sandy Bottom.

November—C. C. Bland.
December—T. C. Hart.
January—T. C. Hart.
February—G. M. Corbett.
March—W. H. Fly
April—G. W. Gardner.
May—C. C. Bland.
June—Thomas Clark.
July—W. W. Brinson.
August—G. M. Corbett.
September—A. M. Crisp.

RULES OF DECORUM AND ARTICLES OF FAITH.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1.—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3.—Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and addres the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7.—No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8.—No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9.—No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11.—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12.—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13.—Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, recived by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art.5 The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an As-

sociation fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15.—The Association shall have power: First to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an association fund, for any

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any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may deem it necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in our Association; ninth, to adjourn to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of preacher who shall travel within the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or

Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our churches

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Postoffices.

C. C. Bland	Ayden, N. C.
W. W. Brinson	Reelsboro, “
J. S. Corbitt	Greenville, “
G. M. Corbitt	Greenville, “
A. M. Crisp	Crisp, “
W. H. Fly	Rocky Mount, “
J. W. Gardner	Goldsboro, “
Thos C. Hart, r. f. d. 1	LaGrange, “
J. W. Jackson	Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster	Saulston, “
D. A. Mewborn	Farmville, “
H. B. Tucker	Greenville, “
W. B. Williams	Elm City, “
R. E. Scott	Trenton, “
J. D. Fly	Rocky Mount, “

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

ASSOCIATION.	NO	POST OFFICE.	SENT IN CARE OF.
Abbott's Creek	12	Martin's Mills, N. C.	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Baltimore, Md.	Dr. John Thorn.
Black Creek	24	Wilson, N. C.	Eld. P. D. Gold.
Country Line	24	Reidsville, “	Eld. L. H. Hardy.
Delaware	7	State Roads, Del.	Eld. E. Rittenhouse.
Delaware River	7	Southampton, Pa.	Eld. S. H. Durand.
Eno	6	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	42	Williamston, “	Eld. S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Gulley's Mill, “	Eld. J. A. T. Jones.
Mayo	21	Tim, Va.	Eld. E. M. Bernard.
Mill Branch	10	Clarendon, N. C.	M. M. Harrelson.
New River	20	Floyd C. H. Va.	Eld. P. G. Lester.
Seven Mile	12	Benson, N. C.	C. Hodges.
Staunton River	17	Ringgold, “	R. L. Dodson
Va. Cor. Meeting	9	Aldie, Va.	Eld. J. N. Badger.
Warwick	9	Middletown, N. Y.	Eld. H. C. Keer.
White Oak	10	Maple Hill, N. C.	Eld. Isaac Jones.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

CHURCHES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	CARE OF.
Autrey's Creek	40	Crisp, N. C.	J. F. Brown.
Bear Creek	25	LaGrange, "	A. R. Sutton.
Beaver Dam	15	Deep Run, "	A. F. Lee.
Bethel	83	Grantsboro, "	John P. Tingle.
Blount's Creek	35	Edwards, "	U. L. Edwards.
Cedar Island	35	Roe, "	Thomas L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	10	Greenville, "	G. M. Corbitt.
Galloway's	12	Greenville, "	G. M. Corbitt.
Goose Creek Island	75	Lowlands, "	James Potter, Jr.
Hancock's	13	Ayden, "	Benj. Smith.
Haskin's Chapel	7	Trenton, "	B. F. Scott.
Meadow	28	Speight's Bridge, "	J. J. Eason.
Mewborn's	38	Snow Hill, "	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Mill Branch	38	Sharpsburg, "	G. W. Hale.
Mount Lebanon	34	Zorah, "	W. D. Whitford.
Nahunta	110	Saulston, "	W. H. Smith.
Peach Tree	23	Spring Hope, "	W. G. Walker.
Pleasant Hill	78	Rocky Mount, "	G. W. Thomas.
Red Banks	60	Winterville, "	David Stocks.
Sandy Bottom	10	Deep Run, "	Ira Smith.
Sandy Grove	46	Small, "	B. D. Rowe.
Sappony	28	Nashville, "	J. R. Lindsay.
Town Creek	70	Tarboro, "	J. E. Cobb.
Tyson's	21	Farmville, "	A. P. Turnage.
Upper Town Creek	110	Elm City, "	Jeremiah Whitehead.
Damascus	15	Farmville, "	D. A. Mewborn.

Names of pastors, Clerks, Churches and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CHURCHES.
A. M. Crisp	J. F. Brown	Autry's Creek
T. B. Lancaster	A. R. Sutton	Bear Creek
Gardner Bryant	A. F. Lee	Beaver Dam
W. W. Brinson	John P. Tingle	Bethel
	U. L. Edwards	Blount's Creek
E. E. Lunday	T. E. Harris	Cedar Island
		Cross Roads
J. S. Corbitt	G. M. Corbitt	Galloway's
E. E. Lunday	Jos. Potter, Jr	Goose Creek Island
C. C. Bland	Benj. Smith	Hancock's
	B. F. Scott	Haskin's Chapel
D. A. Mewborn		Meadow
T. B. Lancaster	L. J. H. Mewborn	Mewborn's
W. H. Fly	G. W. Hale	Mill Branch
C. C. Bland	A. J. Carrawan	Mount Lebanon
T. B. Lancaster	W. H. Smitn	Nahunta
M. B. Williford	W. G. Walker	Peach Tree
J. W. Jackson	G. W. Thomas	Pleasant Hill
H. B. Tucker	David Stocks	Red Banks
	Ira Smith	Sandy Botton
W. W. Brinson	B. D. Rowe	Sandy Grove
M. B. Williford	J. R. Lindsay	Sappony
A. M. Crisp	J. E. Cobb	Town Creek
A. M. Crisp	A. P. Turnage	Tyson's
W. H. Fly	Jere Whitehead	Upper Town Creek
		Damascus

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Messengers.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	In Fellowship.	Contribution.
Autrey's Creek,	Edgecombe	D Owen, B W Bell, S M Smith	3		1				55	2 50
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J H Dawson, R W Sutton, Jas Sutton						1	23	7 25
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter							51	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	Josiah Tingle, J E Ireland, J P Tingle			3				28	2 00
Blount's Creek,	Beaufort	W L Edwards,* G W Hill, A E Hill *						2	29	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret	Wright Goodwin, W R Mason, Jesse Newton	3			1		2	53	5 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not represented								0 00
Damascus	Pitt	D A Mewborn							6	1 00
Galloway	Pitt	J B Williams, G A Corbitt			1				12	1 00
Goose Cr'k Isl'd	Beaufort	P Carawan, A E Hopkins, G W Hill		1				1	81	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	C Bland, Benj. Smith,* N Cox						2	14	2 00
Haskin's Chap'l	Lenoir	Not represented								0 00
Meadow	Greene	D A Mewborn, J J Eason, W J Craft*	1	1					29	6 45
Mewborn's	Greene	J L Mewborn, T C Hart, L J H Mewborn			1			1	28	5 35
Mill Branch	Nash	G W Hale, T G Robbins,* J W Joyner						4	38	2 50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	A J Whitford, H B Willis		1				3	36	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	T B Lancaster, H Pate, Richard Pate	5	1				4	112	9 22
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W H Fly, J D Fly, H L Brake	2	1				2	84	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	Represented by Letter	3		2				21	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	G W Stokes, Guilford Page, Jas Williams	4						62	3 00
Sandy Bottom,	Lenoir	Represented by Letter							6	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	J Ferrell, R E Adams, G M Hardy	1	3			1		48	2 00
Sappony	Nash	Represented by Letter	1					1	29	2 00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J L Proctor, H H Drake, J E Cobb*	1			1		3	62	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt	Represented by Letter							21	1 50
Up. Town Cr'k.	Wilson	W B Williams, J J Moore,* E Williams.	3	2		4		5	118	3 00

Those absent marked *

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaver Dam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek—Fourth Sunday in March, June. Sep. and Dec.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in February May, August, November.

Cross Roads—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Galloway's—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in January, April. July and October.

Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Haskin's Chapel—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mill Branch—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday in February, May. August and November.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, Sep. and Dec.

Peach Tree—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-fourth Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

Mewborn's Meeting House,

GREENE COUNTY, N. C.,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday,

October 8, 9, and 10, 1904.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 8, 1904.

1st. The services were opened by Elder D. A. Mewborn, who preached from Isa. 40—1 to 5, inclusive.

2nd. After a short intermission the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator, and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders G. Bryant and J. T. Coats were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Bryant opened and preached from Heb. 12—24, followed by Elder Coats from John 1—29.

6th. Brethren J. P Tingle and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a Committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the Messengers' names enrolled in the Table of Churches.

8th. Petitionary letter were called for to join the Association. One from Sheffield was received.

9th. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and J. F. Farmer.

Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. A. Burch and L. H. Hardy.

Delaware—Minutes

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—No communication.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother L. Flemming.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, J. T. Coats, Brother J. B. Hardie.

Mayo—No

Mill Branch—No

New River—No

Seven Mile—No

Staunton River—No

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders I. Jones, G. Bryant and Brother N. M. White.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Autrey's Creek meeting house in Edgecombe county, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder W. W. Brinson preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders J. F. Farmer, L. H. Hardy, P. D. Gold and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Baltimore--Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, L. J. H. Mewborn, J. L. Mewborn and Elders W. B. Williams and T. B. Lancaster.

Country Line—Minutes Elders W. B. Williams, D. A. Mewborn.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Eno—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders W. W. Brinson, G. M. Corbett, Brethren B. Smith, G. W. Stallings.

Little River—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

Staunton River--Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Brethren B. F. Scott and Elder W. W. Brinson.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, October 9, 1904.

The services of the day were opened by Elder J. F. Farmer from

Cor. 5—17; Elder Hardy continued from Rom. 1:15—17; Elder Gold continued from Heb. 1:1—84; Elder Jones closed from Rom. 5—12. A large well behaved crowd, and we pray the Lord may bless the word spoken that some poor soul may receive a crumb.

Monday Morning, October 10, 1904.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burch.

2nd. Elders J. E. Adams, J. A. Burch and Elder P. D. Gold occupied the stand to-day. Elder Adams opened and preached from Eph. 5—8, followed by Elder Burch from Jonah 2—6; Elder Gold closed from 1 Peter 1:1—3.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		
Received from the churches this year..................		$73.06
Paid for printing Minutes and postage.............	$ 16.00	
Clerk compensation	10.00	
Gave to the visiting ministers	47.06	
	$ 73.06	$ 73.06

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th. Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

7th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are here tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

G. M. HARDY, Asst. Clerk, Small, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POST OFFICES.

C. C. Bland	Ayden, N. C.
W. W. Brinson	Reelsboro, N. C.
J. S. Corbett	Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett	Greenville, N. C.
A. M. Crisp	Crisp, N. C.
W. H. Fly	Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. W. Gardner	Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson	Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster	Goldsboro, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn	R. F. D. No. 1, Farmville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker	Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Williams	Elm City, N. C.
*J. D. Fly	Rocky Mount, N. C.
G. W. Stakes.	

Those market thus * licentiates.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbott's Creek—Martin's Hill, 12 copies. A. P. Leach.

Baltimore—Milton Dancy, Knoebel, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek— Elder P. D. Gold Wilson, N. C., 24 copies.
Country Line—L. H. Hardy, Reidville, N. C., 24 copies.
Delaware—S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7 copies.
Delaware River—Elijah Leigh, Princeton, N. J., 7 copies.
Eno—G. C. Farthing, Durham, N. C., 6 copies.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, 42 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 20 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Tim, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—M. M. Harrelson, Clarendon. N. C., 10 copies
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Seven Miles—C. Hodges. Benson, N. C., 12 copies.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, N. C., 17 copies.
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Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown. N. Y., 9 copies.
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 10 copies.

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Autrey's Creek—J. F. Brown, Crisp, N. C., 40 copies.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 25 copies.
Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 33 copies.
Beaver Dam—A. F. Lee Deep Dun, N. C., 15 copies.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards Edwards, N. C., 35 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 35 copies.
Cross Roads—G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 10 copies.
Galloway's—G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 12 copies.
Goose Creek Island—Jas. Potter, Jr. Lowlands, N. C., 75 copies.
Hancock's—Benjamin Smith, Ayden, N. C., 13 copies.
Haskins' Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C., 7 copies.
Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speight's Bridge, N. C., 30 copies.
Mewborn—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill R. F. D. 4. 28 copies.
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Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 110 copies.
Peach Tree—W. G. Walker. Spring Hope, N. C., 23 copies.
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Thomas, Rocky Mount, N. C., 78 copies.
Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 60 copies.

Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C., 12 copies.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Small, N. C., 46 copies
Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C., 28 copies.
Town Creek—J. E. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C., 70 copies.
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22 copies.
Upper Town Creek—Jere Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 110 copies.
Damascus—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 15 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, R. F. D. No 1, 10 copies.

NAMES OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND CHURCHES.

Autrey's Creek—Amos M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; A. R. Sutton, clerk.
Beaver Dam—Gardner Bryant, pastor; A. F. Lee, clerk.
Bethel—W. W. Brinson pastor; John P. Tingle, clerk.
Blount's Creek—U. L Edwards, clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; T. E. Harris, clerk.
Cross Roads—
Galloway's—J. S. Corbett, pastor; G. M. Corbett, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lunday, pastor; Jos. Potter, Jr., clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, pastor; Benj. Smith, clerk.
Haskin's Chapel—B. F. Scott, clerk.
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RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject unless he break the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion of he chooses before the matter is put to a vote, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willinginly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plant or form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their representative churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellow, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any of the churches in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union upon their petition by letters and messengers and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presentd by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered bv the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of this Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: First to provide for the general union of all the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund, for any purpose strictly connected with the Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion, conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any in the bounds of the Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our church.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total No. in Fellowship.	Finance.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, R. B. Edwards, S. M. Smith	3	..	..	1	1	3	55	$3 00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton	..	1	..	..	..	1	23	8 25
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	S. L. Turner,* A. F. Lee	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	1 00
Bethel	Pamlico	W. W. Brinson, J. P. Tingle, H. A. Gaskin	..	1	4	..	..	1	24	1 50
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	G. W. Hill	..	..	2	..	..	1	26	1 75
Cedar Island	Carteret	T. L. Goodwin, W. R. Mason, J. H. Goodwin	2	..	..	..	..	2	53	3 00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Damascus	Pitt	D. A. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 25
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, G. M. Corbitt, J. P. Leavy*	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	1 00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	J. M. Carawin, P. M. Carawin	1	..	..	..	..	..	82	2 00
Hancock's	Pitt	B. Smith, Noah Cox, Elias McLawhorn	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	2 00
Haskins' Chapel	Lenoir	Jerry Walters,* B. F. Scott	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	1 00
Meadow	Greene	J. J. Eason, W. J. Craft, W. L. Horton	2	..	..	1	..	..	30	5 25
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. H. Wells, L. J. H. Mewborn	..	..	1	..	..	..	27	7 50
Mill Branch	Nash	J. W. Joyner, W N. Joyner, G. W. Hale	1	..	..	3	1	2	35	1 50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. J. Whitford, A. P. Whitford, B. Atkinson*	..	..	..	..	..	2	34	1 50
Nahunta	Wayne	F. B. Lancaster, W. H. Smith, Richard Pate*	..	..	..	1	1	5	107	9 01
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. L. Brake	2	1	..	..	2	..	86	3 00
Peach Tree	Nash	W. G. Walker, G. W. Stallings	..	..	1	2	..	1	17	1 50
Red Banks	Pitt	D. Stocks,* J. T. Dunn, A. Williams	..	..	..	1	..	5	56	3 00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Ira Smith,* J. A. Croom	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	1 00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, I. P. Douty, W. H. Edwards	..	1	..	..	..	3	46	4 55
Sappony	Nash	E. B. Barnes, W. A. Joyner	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1 50
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb,* H. H. Drake, J. L. Proctor	4	..	..	..	1	..	65	2 00
Tyson's	Pitt	Clayton Joyner,* A. Moore, A. P. Turnage	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	2 00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. R. Williams, D. L. Batts,* J. Edwards	15	..	1	..	2	5	127	3 00
Sheffield	Craven	Josiah Tingle, W. K. Rowe,* W. A. Edwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 00

Those marked * absent.

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SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1906.

First. The services were opened by Elder W. B. Williams with praise and prayer, then Elder A. M. Crisp preached from Acts 4:12.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. M. Monsees.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother L. H. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. A. Monsees, L. P. Adams and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Monsees opened and preached from Gal. 11:12, followed by Elder Adams from Job. 26:14. Elder Shaw closed from John 3:16.

6. Brethren I. P. Douty and T. B. Lancaster were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder J. A. Monsees.
Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and William Woodard, Brother Thos. Clark and others.

Country Line—Minutes, Elders W. M. Monsees and L. H. Hardy.

Delaware—Minutes, Elder W. W. Meredith.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—No communication.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. D. Roberson, J. A. Shaw, W. B. Strickland, W. B. Williford ——— Leggett and others.

Little River—Elder J. E. Adams, Moses Adams and other brethren.

Mayo—

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—

Seven Miles—Elder L. P. Adams and Brother J. R. Webb.

Staunton River—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lunday.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Upper Town Creek meeting House in Wilson county, N. C., and the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders Roberson, Gold, Meredith and Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn and Brother R. E. Adams.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner, Brethren E. B. Barnes and L. J. H. Mewborn.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn and T. B. Lancaster.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder D. A. Mewborn.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbitt, J. P. Dunn, Josiah Tingle and others.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. W. Gardner, W. B. Williams and T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder C. C. Bland.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, J. W. Gardner, C. C. Bland and D. A. Mewborn.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder G. M. Corbitt.

Mayo—Minutes.

13.—On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1906.

Services were opened by Elder G. D. Roberson from Eph. 4:16, followed by Elder Gold from Prov. 11:24; afternoon Elder Meredith continued from 2nd Cor. 4:67. Elder Jones closed the service from the subject of the Kingdom.

A large crowd was in attendance to hear the good tidings proclaimed. May the words spoken go down deep into some poor sinner's soul and bring forth fruit to the honor and praise of our great Redeemer.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1906.

First. The Association assembled and conference was opened by Elder E. E. Lundy with praise and prayer.

2. Elders J. E. Adams, W. M. Monsees and J. T. Rowe occupied the stand today. Elder Adams opened and preached from Eph. 1:4, followed by Elder Monsees from Roms. 9:13. Elder Rowe closed from Rev. 12:1.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer		00.00
Received from the churches this year		$75.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.00	
Clerk's compensation	10.00	
Gave to the visiting ministers	45.00	
		$75.00

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6. Resolved, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

7. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association .

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are here tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion, it was resolved by the Association that the Articles of Faith be amended by adding to Article 16, after the words "Masonic Lodges," "Or the Lodges any and all secret societies."

13th. On motion it was agreed that the preamble and resolutions read by brother Elder L. H. Hardy be printed and appended to the minutes.

14th. It was resolved by the Association that the obituary of Elder W. H. Fly be appended to the minutes.

15th. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.
L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.
L. H. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

The following ministers agreed to visit the church at Beaver Dam fourth Sundays and Saturday before: Elder G. M.Corbitt, November, 1906; J. W. Gardner, January, 1907; T. B. Lancaster, February, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, March, 1907; T. B. Lancaster, April, 1907; D. A. Mewborn, May, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, June, 1907; Thos Clark, July, 1907; J. W. Gardner, August, 1907; G. M. Corbitt, September, 1907.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Tarboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No 1.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbott's Creek—A. P. Leach, Martin's Mills, N. C., 12 copies.
Baltimore—Milton Dancy, Knoebel, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C., 24 copies.
Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C., 24 copies.

Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7 copies.

Delaware River—Elijah Leigh, Princeton, N. J., 7 copies.

Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 42 copies.

Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 20 copies.

Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.

Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.

New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, C. H., Va., 20 copies.

Seven Miles—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 12 copies.

Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, N. C., 17 copies.

Virginia Cor'd'g Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 12 copies.

Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y., 9 copies.

White Oak—Elder I. Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20 copies.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autrey Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.

Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 25 copies.

Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 35 copies.

Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 15 copies.

Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, Edwards, N. C., 35 copies.

Cedar Island—T. E. Harris, Roe, N. C.,35 copies. —

Cross Roads—David Stokes, Winterville, N. C., 10 copies.

Damascus—Mrs. Dora Horton, Farmville, N. C., 15 copies.

Galloway's—J. B. Williams, Shelmardine, 13 copies.

Goose Creek Island—Jas. Potter, Jr., Lowlands, N. C., 75 copies.

Hancock's—Benj. Smith, Ayden, N. C., 15 copies.

Haskin's Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C., 8 copies.

Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speight's Bridge, N. C., 30 copies.

Mewborn's—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4, 30 copies.

Mill Branch—G. W. Hale, Sharpsburg, N. C., 38 copies.

Mount Lebanon—A. P. Whitford, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3, 34 copies.

Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 110 copies.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Thomas, Rocky Mount, N. C., 78 copies.

Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 60 copies.
Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C., 12 copies.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D., 46 copies.
Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C., 28 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 10 copies.
Town Creek—H. H. Drake, Pinetops, N. C., 70 copies.
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22 copies.
Upper Town Creek—Jere. Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 110 copies.

NAMES OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton Clerk.
Beaver Dam—No pastor; no clerk.
Bethel—No pastor; John P. Tingle, Clerk.
Blount's Creek—W. W. Brinson, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; T. E. Harris, Clerk.
Cross Roads—
Gallaway—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; G. M. Corbitt, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, Pastor; Jenj. Smith, Clerk.
Haskin Chapel—No pastor; B. F. Scott, Clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Pastor; no clerk.
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Mill Branch—No pastor; G. W. Hale, Clerk.
Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, Pastor; no clerk.
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Town Creek—A. M. Crisp—Pastor; H. H. Drake, Clerk.
Tyson's—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
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OBITUARY NOTICE OF ELDER WM. H. FLY.

Whereas, Our dearly beloved brother, William Henry Fly, has been called away from the people of God on earth, whom he in faithfulness tried to serve, and fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of January 15, 1906.

Therefore, we desire to record on our minutes this feble expression of the high and affectionate regard in which he has long been held by us as a church, and of our deep sorrow in our loss.

In the public ministry of our dear brother, his highest aim was to exalt Christ as the one and only name whereby we must be saved. He had become greatly endeared to us as a brother and as a minister of Jesus Christ. He never yielded to the errors of the day; yet while firm he was not unkind. He had that charity which rejoices in the truth; and is kind to the unthankful and disobedient.

We would humbly here, record these things, because by them the grace of God was magnified in him. May we all be found followers of him as he followed Christ.

We extend to the church over which he served and his pastoral labors extended and his bereaved family our most sincere and affectionate sympathy for their great loss.

May God bless them, and us all and bring us to the deserved home of the redeemed at last, is our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, There is a manifested tendency in our Governor and others in high places to force religious matters in our public schools by forcing our teachers to hold religious services in opening their schools, thereby driving from the school room many of our best and most consciencious teachers, and forcing others who have no change of heart into the different denominations in order to get positions; therefore,

Resolved, by the Contentnea Association of Primitive Baptists, That we do enter our solemn protest against such proceedings as being spiritual wickedness in high places.

Resolved, further, That we regard this religious move in our officers as being a strike at our civil government and free religious liberty which has been guaranteed to us by the blood-stained footsteps of our Revolutitonary fathers, and we do heartily condemn it as an infringement on our Constitutions, and a long step towards the uniting of church and State, and the bringing in of that beastly power under which fifty millions of people were put to death by the hands of Roman Catholics in the name of the Christian religion.

Resolved, That we do hereby warn our people and all lovers of religious and civil liberty against this usurpation of power and declare that we believe it to be the lion voice of the second beast which John saw and recorded in Revelation 13:11.

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Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

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From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Christ, being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the Constitution of the churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government:

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Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and De-
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Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shauld have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptided.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	In Fellowship.	Contributions.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	A. M. Crisp, W. R. Abrams and J. F. Brown	1	...	2	...	1	2	54	$ 3.00
Bear Creek	Lenior	A. R. Sutton, R. W. Sutton and J. H. Dawson*	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	8.75
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By Letter	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Begged to be excused for trouble in the church	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	......
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	On motion, the letter was not read	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	......
Cedar Island	Carterett	W. H. Lupton, Stephen Emry* and E. E. Lundy	2	1	...	...	...	2	57	4.00
Cross Roads	Pitt	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	......
Damascus	Pitt	By Letter	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1.50
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbitt* and G. M. Corbitt	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Beaufort	E. E. Lundy, Wright Goodwin	...	1	...	3	...	...	71	2.00
Hancock's	Pitt	Benj. Smith and C. C. Bland*	2	...	...	...	...	...	16	3.35
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	Not Represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	......
Meadow	Greene	D. A. Mewborn, W. J. Craft and J. J. Eason	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	6.10
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. H. Wells* and L. J. H. Mewborn	...	...	3	...	...	...	29	6.30
Mill Branch	Nash	G. W. Hales, J. R. Luper and J. W. Joyner	4	...	...	3	...	1	34	1.50
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. J. Whitford and B. C. Whitford	2	...	...	...	...	2	34	1.50
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner and W. H. Smith	17	...	...	3	...	1	132	11.50
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake and G. W. Thomas	...	...	...	3	...	2	76	3.00
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks, J. Williams and J. T. Dunn	...	...	...	1	...	1	52	4.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	1.00
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, I. P. Douty and R. E. Adams	...	...	...	1	...	1	44	4.50
Sappony	Nash	W. A. Joyner and E. B. Barnes	1	...	...	2	...	...	27	2.00
Sheffield	Craven	Josiah Tingle, W. K. Rowe and E. E. Lundy	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. F. Walston and H. H. Drake	1	...	...	2	...	8	56	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage and Clayton Joyner	...	2	...	...	...	...	24	3.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. J. Moore and J. W. Joyner	1	...	...	2	...	2	121	3.00

*Absent.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

HELD AT

Bear Creek Meeting House

Lenoir County, N. C.

October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1908

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1908.

1. The services were opened by Elder C. C. Bland, with praise and prayer, who then continued the service from Hebrews 1:1.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3. Elder W. B. Williams, was chosen moderator, and Brother L. J. H. Mewborn, clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders F. Farmer, W. Monsees, A. J. Moore and W. Woodard were appointed to preach this evening and at night.

6. Brethren H. L. Brake and B. D. Rowe, were appointed a committe on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received, and read from the churches, and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations.

(a.) Abbotts Creek—Minutes, Elder W. Monsees.

(b.) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(c.) Black Creek—Minutes, J. T. Lamm, messenger, Elders Woodard, Farmer, Hooks, Gold and other visitors.

(d.) Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

(e.) Lower Country Line—Minutes, Brethren A. P. Satterfield and J. T. Taylor.

(f.) Delaware—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(g.) Delaware River—Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

(h.) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother I. P. Bass.

(i.) Little River—Minutes, J. W. Woodall and J A. Barbour.

(j.) Mill Branch—Minutes.

(k.) Mayo—

(l.) New River—Minutes.

(m.) Seven Mile—Minutes, J. R. Westbrook and J. F. House Jr.

(n.) Staunton River—Minutes.

(o.) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

(p.) Warwick—Minutes.

(q.) White Oak—Minutes, Elders E. E. Lundy and I Jones.

(r.) Fisher's River—Minutes.

10. Appointed our next association to be held at Nahunta meeting house in Wayne county, N. C., and that the services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder D. A. Mewborn preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. B. Williams his alternate.

11. Elders Norton, Oliphant, Hardy, Rowe, Shaw and Roberson were appointed to preach on Sunday and at night.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations also to send minutes as heretofore:

(a.) Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

(b.) Baltimore—Minutes, Elders E. E. Lundy and W. B. Williams.

(c.) Black Creek—Minutes, J. R. Lindsay, J. J. Eason and H. Pate.

(d.) Upper Country Line—Minutes, J. L. Mewborn.

(e.) Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. W. Gardner.

(f.) Delaware—Minutes, Elder E. E. Lundy.

(g.) Delaware River—Minutes, E. E. Lundy.

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(k.) Mayo—Minutes.

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(n.) Staunton River—Minutes.

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(q.) White Oak—Minutes, Elder C. C. Bland.

(r.) Fisher's River—Minutes.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 11, 1908.

Services were opened by Elder J. T. Rowe, and the following brethren preached: A. J. Norton, J. H. Oliphant, L. H. Hardy, J. T. Rowe, J. A. Shaw, and G. D. Roberson, the preaching was with love and power, giving God all the honor and man the sinner receiving the mercies and blessing. We had many good servants to come to be with us and to tell of the good news, and of a rich Savior we have, who gave us his richness and took our poverty upon himself and died that we might live. The large crowd of people seemed anxious to hear the good news, and therefore was quiet and orderly. May God be praised.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1908.

1. The association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2. Elders Gold and Jones were appointed to preach today.

3. Committe on finance made the following report:

In the Hand of the Treasurer	$ 00.00
Received From the Churches this Year	71.80
Paid for Printing Minutes and Postage	20.00
Clerks Compensation	10.00
Gave to Visiting Ministers	41.80
	$ 71.80

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. On motion agreed that we publish the names of

preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

7. Resolved, that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8. Resolved, that our clerk have 1,300 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

9. On motion it was resolved by the association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said association grounds during its session.

10. On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

11. On motion the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

12. Brother L. J. H. Mewborn tendered his resignation as clerk, the same was accepted.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.
L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk,
G. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Tarboro, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.

NAMES OF PASTORS AND THEIR CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; A. R. Sutton, clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, pastor; J. P. Tingle, clerk.
Beaver Dam—No pastor; no clerk.
Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Thomas L. Goodwin, clerk.
Cross Roads—
Galloway's—J. S. Corbitt, pastor; G. M. Corbitt, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr. clerk.
Hancock's—C. C. Bland, pastor; Benjamin Smith, clerk.
Haskin's Chapel—B. Eubanks, pastor; B. F. Scott, clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor; no clerk.
Mewborn's—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, clerk.
Mill Branch—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. W. Joyner, clerk.
Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor, B. C. Whitford, clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; W. H. Smith, clerk.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, pastor; H. L. Brake, clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, pastor; David Stocks, clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, pastor; J. A. Croom, clerk.
Sandy Grove—Elder L. H. Hardy, pastor; B. D. Rowe, clerk.
Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor; J. R. Lindsay, clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; H. L. Drake, clerk.
Tyson's—No pastor; A. P. Turnage, clerk.
Upper Town Creek—G. W. Boswell, pastor; Jere Whitehead, clerk
Damascus—No pastor; Mrs. Dora Horton, clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, pastor; Josiah Tingle, clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autrey's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 25 copies.
Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 35 copies.
Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 15 copies.

Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C., 35 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 35 copies.
Cross Roads—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 10 copies.
Damascus—Mrs. Dora Horton, Farmville, N. C., 15 copies.
Galloway's—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C. 15 copies.
Goose Creek Island—James Potter, Jr., Lowlands, N. C., 75 copies.
Hancock's—Benjamin Cmith, Ayden, N. C., 15 copies
Haskins' Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C., 8 copies.
Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speights Bridge, N. C., 30 copies.
Mewborn's—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., 30 copies.
Mill Branch—J. W. Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C., 38 copies.
Mount Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3, 34 copies.
Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 110 copies.
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 75 copies.
Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 60 copies.
Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C., 14 copies.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D., 46 copies.
Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C., 28 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1, 10 copies.
Town Creek—H. H. Drake, Pine Top, N. C., 50 copies.
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22 copies.
Upper Town Creek——Jere Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 110 copies.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbotts Creek—Martin's Mill, N. C., 12 copies, A. P. Leach.
Baltimore—Milton Dance, Knoebel, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C., 26 copies.
Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C., 15 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 15 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7 copies.
Delaware River—Elijah Leigh, Princeton, N. J., 7 copies.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 44 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D., 20 copies.

Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Peters' Creek, Va., 21 copies.

Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.

New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd C. H., Va., 20 copies.

Seven Mile—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 12 copies.

Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, N. C., 17 copies.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 12 copies.

Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y., 9 copies.

White Oak—Elder I. Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20 copies.

Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pennacle, N. C., 20 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH.

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November, Thomas Clark; December, J. S. Corbitt; February, J. W. Gardner; March, T. B. Lancaster; April, J. S. Corbitt; Many, G. M. Corbitt; June, J. S. Corbitt; July, T. B. Lancaster; August, W. Gardner; March, T. B. Lancaster; April, J. S. Corbitt; May,

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Hancock's	Pitt	Elias McLawhorn,* Josephus Cox,* Noah T. Cox								1.85
Haskin Chapel	Jones	B. F. Scott							3	1.00
Meadow	Greene	W. S. Land, J. J. Bason, D. A. Mewborn*			1		1		28	4.75
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, Stephen Kerneay, L. J. H. Mewborn				1			26	7.00
Mill Branch	Nash	T. J. Robbins, J. W. Pridgen,* J. R. Luper	3			3	1		36	1.50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford							27	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner, J. B. Roberts	15			2		3	142	11.60
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	G. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	2			1		2	75	3.00
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T Dunn, J. W. Hardie, James Williams				1	1	2	45	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, J. A. Croom, J. B Temple*							11	2.50
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	G. M. Hardy, E. C. Ross, B. D. Rowe	1	1	3	1		2	36	4.00
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsey, N. F. Joyner, W. A. Joyner	2					1	27	1.50
Sheffield	Craven	Josiah, Tingle, W. K. Rowe,* E. E Lundy							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	H. H. Drake, J. L. Proctor, J. E. Cobb	2					2	54	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, Alford Moore							23	2.00
Upper Town Cr'k	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. W. J. Joyner	1						115	3.00
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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 9, 1909.

1. The services were opened by Elder D. A. Mewborn with praise and prayer, who then continued the service from Phil. 3:14.

2. After an intermission the Messengers assembled and the Association opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen Moderator and Brother B. D. Rowe, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder John P. Tingl-.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders Thos. Clarke and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach at the stand this evening.

6. Brethren H. L. Brake and J. E. Cobb were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches. The Mill Branch Church asked for a letter of dismissal to join the Black Creek Association which was granted.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbotts Creek.

Baltimore, Minutes,

Black Creek, Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer, J. F. Hooks.

Upper Country Line, J. W. Gilliam, Minutes.

Lower Country Line, Minutes, Dr. C. B. Hall.

Delaware, Minutes.

Delaware River, Minutes.

Kehukee, I. W. Bass, G. D. Roberson.

Little River, F. C. Hamilton, D. L. Godwin, Elder J. E. Adams and others.

Mill Branch, Minutes, Brother D. R. Gore.

Mayo.

New River.

Seven Mile, Minutes, Brethren Jonas Rives, J. A. Massengill.

Staunton River.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting.

Warwick, Minutes.

White Oak, Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River, Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Lower Town Creek, in Edgecombe County, N. C., and that the services to commence on Saturday before th Second Sunday in October, 1910 at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11. Elders J. H. Johnson, G. D. Roberson, E. E. Lundy and P. D. Gold were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbotts Creek, Minutes.

Baltimore, Minutes.

Black Creek, Minutes, J. R. Lindsay, Hyman Pate, J. D. Joyner.

Upper Country Line, Minutes.

Lower Country Line, Minutes.

Delaware River, Minutes.

Kehukee, Minutes, J. L. Brake, G. W. Stokes.

Little River, Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams.

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Virginia Corresponding Meeting, Minutes.

Warwick, Minutes.

White Oak, Minutes, Brother B. F. Scott.

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13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1909.

Services were opened by Elder G. D. Roberson by praise and prayer, and the following brethren preached: Elder J. H. Johnson, text, John 10:14, followed by Elder G. D. Roberson from Psalms 107:23-31. After a short intermission the services were resumed by praise by Elder E. E. Lundy who preached from Rev. 21:1-6, followed by Elder P. D. Gold from Rev. 12:1. The preaching was in demonstration of the spirit and power, giving God all the glory. Praise His Holy name.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1909.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

2. Appointed to preach today Elders J. F. Farmer and J. A. Shaw.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer	$00.00
Received from the churches this year	$76.20
Cash contributions	$ 2.00
Paid for printing Minutes and postage	$20.00
Clerks compensation	$10.00
Gave to visiting ministers	$48.20

Report received and committee discharged.

4. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding Quarterly Meetings of each church.

6. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these Minutes.

7. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8. Resolved that our church have 1,300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

9. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind

of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

12. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS,
Moderator.

R. D. ROWE, Clerk
JOHN P. TINGLE, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.
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NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek, A. M. Crisp—Clerk J. F. Brown.
Bear Creek, T. B. Lancaster—Clerk A. R. Sutton.
Bethel, E. E. Lundy—Clerk J. P. Tingle.
Beaver Dam, none—none.
Blount's Creek, none—Clerk U. L. Edwards.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Cedar Island, E. E. Lundy—Clerk T. L. Goodman.

Galloways, Jas. S. Corbett.—Clerk G. M. Corbett.
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Hancocks, C. C. Bland—Clerk Benj. Smith.
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Upper Town Creek, G. W. Boswell—Clerk Jere Whitehead.
Damascus, G. D. Roberson—Clerk E. A. Stanfield.
Sheffield, E. E. Lundy—Clerk Josiah Tingle.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.—60
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C.—19
Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.—19
Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C.—9
Blount's Creek—N. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C.—35
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C.—42
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C.—8
Galloway's—J. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.—11
Goose Creek Island—James Potter, Jr., Lowlands, N. C.—56
Hancocks—Joseph Cox, Winterville, N. C.—16
Haskins Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C.—5
Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speights Bridge, N. C.—25
Mount Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askins, N. C., Route 1—27
Mewborns—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.—26
Mill Branch—T. J. Robbins, Elm City, N. C. Route.—38
Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C.—140

Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C.
Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C. Route 2.—35
Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C. Route 1—26
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, Newbern, N. C. Route 1—6
Town Creek—H. H. Drake, Pine Top, N. C.—53
Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C. —22
Upper Town Creek—Jere Whitehead, Elm Cit, N. C.—118
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.—76
Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville—44

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Baltimore—Milton Dance, Knoebel, Md., 8 copies.
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Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C., 16.
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Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7.
Delaware River—Elder F. A. Chick, Hopewill, N. J., 7.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. 44.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 20.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Peters' Creek, Va., 21.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C. 10.
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Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va,. 12.
Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y., 9.
White Oak—Elder I. Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20.
Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pennacle, N. C., 20.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH.

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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Galloways	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbett						1	11	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Pitt	Eld. E. E. Lundy, J. M. Carawan			1	3	1	2	56	2.00
Hancock's	Pamlico	J. Cox, Elias McLawhorn, N. T. Cox		1					16	2.75
Haskin Chapel	Pitt	B. F. Scott							3	1.00
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Mill Branch	Greene	J. W. Pridgen, J. R. Luper, T. J. Robins	1				1		38	1.50
Mt. Lebanon	Nash	B. C. Whitford						1	27	1.00
Nahunta	Craven	T.B. Lancaster, J.W. Gardner, W. A.Taylor	8	1				3	140	13.35

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Pleasant Hill	Wayne	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake, G. W. Thomas.	1					1	76	3.00
Red Banks	Edgecombe	David Stocks, J. W. Hardy, G. W. Stokes.						1	44	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	J. A. Croome, E. L. Rouse, J. B. Temple.							11	1.85
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, E. B. White, J. S. Rowe						1	35	6.00
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsay, N. D. Joyner, E. B. Barnes.						1	26	1.50
Sheffield	Craven	E. E. Lundy, Josiah Tingle, W. K. Rowe.							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	H. H. Drake, J. E. Cobb, J. L. Proctor			1				53	2.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, Alfred Moore, H. S. Tyson.						1	22	2.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. B. Williams, J. J. Moore, J. J. Thorne.	4	1			3	5	118	3.00

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Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at Old Town Creek Meeting House,
Edgecombe County, North Carolina, October 8th, 9th
and 10th, 1910.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 8th, 1910.

1st. The services were opened by Elder J. W. Gardner, with praise and prayer, who then preached from John 5:25.

2nd. After an intermission the messengers assembled and the Association opened with praise and prayer by Elder M. T Lawrence.

3rd. Elder W. B. Williams was chosen moderator and brother B. D. Rowe clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder J. P. Tingle.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elder J. F. Farmer preached this afternoon from Romans 8:31.

6th. Brothers E. A. Stanfield and H. L. Brake were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. Letter presented from Church at Moores' was received by the moderator extending right-hand of fellowship to the messengers.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations.

Abbots Creek and Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold and J. F. Farmer.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Lower Country Line, Delaware, Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elders G. D. Roberson, Chas. Meads M. T. Lawrence, A. L. Harrison and J. A. Shaw. Bros. I. W. Bass and J. T. Braswell.

Little River—Minutes, Elds. J. E. Adams and J. H. Johnson.

Salem, Mayo, New River, Seven Mile—Minutes.

Staunton River—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting, and Warwick—Minutes

White Oak—Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fishers River—

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Sandy Grove, Beaufort county, North Carolina. The services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1911 at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster with Elder A. M. Crisp as his alternate.

11th. Elders J. H. Johnson, Charles Meads, G. D. Roberson, and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also to send minutes as heretofore: Abbotts—Minutes; Baltimore—Minutes; Black Creek, Minutes; J. R. Linsey, J. E. Cobb and Elder A. Crisp; Upper Country Line, Minutes; Lower Country Line, Delaware, Deleware River, Minutes; Kehukee, Minutes, I. P. Dowty, E. A. Stanfield, J. L. Brake and J. F. Brown; Little River, Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams, Mill Branch, Mayo, New River and Salem Minutes.

Seven Mile Minutes, Elder W. B. Williams; Staunton River, Minutes; Virginia Corresponding Meeting, Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Warwick: Minutes; White Oak, Minutes, Elds. T. B. Lancaster and J. F. Farmer; Fisher's River, Minutes.

13th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sunday October 9th, 1910.

Services were opened by Elder J. H. Johnson, with praise and prayer and the following brethren preached: Elder J. H. Johnson: Subject, John 14:6; Elder Charles Meads, subject, Isaiah 53:10.

After a short intermission the services were resumed with praise by Elder G. D. Roberson, who preached from Matt. 5:38, 41.

Followed by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Luke 11: 1-4.

The preaching was in harmony with the word of God and we desire to thank and praise His holy name.

Monday Morning, October 10, 1910.

1st. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

2nd. Appointed to preach today, Elders P. D. Gold, text 1st Kings 17th chap. last verse, and E. E. Lundy text Matt. 28:16, 20, and Elder J. E. Adams to close with remarks.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		$00.00
Received from churches this year		71.60
Paid for printing minutes and postage	20.00	
Clerk's compensation	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	41.60	
Total		$71.60

Report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

5th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

6th Resolved that the Articles of Faith and rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

7th. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church require his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have his as pastor and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

8th. Resolved that our clerk have 1250 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond record one on the record and that he is allowed $10.00 for his services.

9th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during its session.

10th On motion the clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the generosity in entertaining the Association.

12th. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

ELDER W. B. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.

ELDER JOHN P. TINGLE, Assistant.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Their Postoffice.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.; Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.; G. M. Corbett, Tarboro, N. C.; A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., Route 1; J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; J. W. Jackson,Rocky Mount, N. C., T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., Route 1; D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., Route 1; H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.; John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.; J. B. Roberts, Licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C., G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.

Names of Churches, Pastors and Clerks.

Autry's Creek, Pastor, A. M. Crisk: Clerk J. F. Brown.

Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor, A. R. Sutton, clerk.

Bethel—E. E. Lundy, pastor, J. P. Tingle clerk.

Beaver Dan—Pastor none; clerk none.

Blount's Creek—Pastor none, Clerk, U. L. Edwards.

Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor, Clerk T. L. Goodman.

Galloways—Jas. S. Corbett pastor, G. M. Corbett clerk.

Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, pastor, Clerk Jas. Potter, Jr.

Hancocks, C. C. Bland, pastor, clerk, Benj. Smith.

Haskin's Chapel, B. F. Eubanks, pastor, Clerk B. F. Scott.

Meadow, D. A. Mewborn, pastor, Clerk D. A. Mewborn.

Mewborn's, T. B. Lancaster, pastor, Clerk L. J. H. Mewborn.

Moore's—A. M. Crisp, pastor, Clerk R. C. Moore.

Mount Lebanon—G. Bryant, pastor, Clerk B. C. Whitford.

Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor, Clerk W. H. Smith.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Jackson, pastor, with G. W. Abram's assistant. Clerk H. L. Brake.

Red Banks, H. B. Tucker, pastor, clerk David Stocks.

Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, pastor, Clerk J. W. Croom.

Sandy Grove—L. H. Hardy, pastor, Clerk B. D. Rowe.

Sappony—M. B. Williford, pastor, Clerk J. R. Lindsay.

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor, Clerk W. M. Moore.

Tyson's—J. S. Corbett pastor, Clerk A. P. Turnage.

Upper Town Creek—G. W. Boswell pastor, Clerk Jere Whitehead.

Damascus—G. D. Roberson pastor, Clerk E. A. Stanfield.

Sheffield—E. E. Lundy pastor, Clerk Josiah Tingle.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches.

Autry's—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 60.

Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 19.

Bethel—John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 19.

Beaver Dam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 9.

Blount's Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blount's Creek, N. C., 35.

Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 42.

Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 8.

Galloways—J. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C., 11.

Goose Creek Island—James Potter, Jr., Lowland, N. C., 56.

Hancocks—Joseph Cox, Winterville, N. C., 16.

Haskins Chapel—B. F. Scott, Trenton, N. C., 5.

Meadow—J. J. Eason, Speights Bridge, N. C., 25.

Mount Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askins, N. C., Route No. 1, 37.

Mewborns—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., 26.

Moore's—R. C. Moore, Wilson, N. C., Route 5, 27.

Nahunta—W. H. Smith, Saulston, N. C., 140.

Sandy Bottom—J. A. Croom, Kinston, N. C.

Sandy Grove—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., Route 2, 35.

Sappony—J. R. Lindsay, Nashville, N. C., Route 1, 26.

Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., Route 1, 6.

Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 53.

Tyson's—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 22.

Upper Town Creek—Jere Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., 118

Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76.

Red Banks—David Stocks, Winterville, N. C., 44.

Distribution of Minutes to the Associations.

Abbotts Creek—Martin's Mill, N. C., 12 copies, A. P. Leach.

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe, 704 Linwood Ave. Station L. Baltimore, Md., 8 copies.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C. 26 copies.

Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C. 16 copies.

Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 15 copies.

Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa., 7.

Delaware River—Elder F. A. Chick, Hopewell, N. J., 7.

Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 44.

Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D. 20.

Mayo—Elder E. M. Bernard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21.

Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10.

New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, C. H., Va., 20.

Seven Mile—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 12.

Staunton River—L. Dodson, Ringgold, N. C., 17.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 12.

Warwick—J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y., 9.

White Oak—Elder I. Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20.

Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., 20.

Quarterly Meetings of Each Church.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May August and November.

Beaver Dam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and Oct.

Clount's Creek—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Cross Roads—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Galloway's—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in Feb. May, Aug., and Nov.

Haskin's Chapel—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moore's—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Mount Lebanon—First Sunday in February, May , Aug. and November.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant—Hill Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, Aug. and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Sappony—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept., and December.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, Aug., and November.

Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept. and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on any person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

Constitution and Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon upon a profession of our faith in Christ, and convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keeq the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed. Their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Atr. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclestical power over the churches, nor they shall infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, and manifested by th emoderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of the members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, exxcept it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amedments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren of the ministry who may be presnt at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or memb rs of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Names of Churches and Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Let	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fel.	Contribut'n.
Autrys Creek—J. F. Brown, J. R. Gay, Eld. A. M. Crisp	3	1		1		2	61	3.00
Bear Creek—R. W. Sutton, J. H. Dawson, J. W. Sutton							19	8.00
Beaver Dam—Elder J. S. Corbett*							9	1.00
Bethel—Elds. E. E. Lundy, J. P. Tingle,* F. D. Miller*	1						20	2.50
Blounts Creek—Not represented	5				2		47	3.00
Cedar Island—Stephen Emery*, W. W. Styron, Elder E. E. Lundy	1						43	2.00
Damascus—J. A. Matthews*, L. A. Stanfield								
Galloway—Elds. J. S. Corbett* and G. M. Corbett	1						12	1.00
Goose Creek Island—Elder E. E. Lundy, H. S. Watson	3				1	1	59	2.00
Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Elias McGlowhorn						1	15	2.00
Haskins Chapel—By letter.							3	1.00
Meadow—Elder D. A. Mewborn, W. S. Lands*, J. J. Eason			3			1	21	3.25
Mewborns—Jesse L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn							26	5.00
Moore's—Joe Varnell, J. W. Varnell, Richard C. Moore							27	1.50
Mt. Lebanon—A. P. Whitford						1	26	1.00
Nuhunta—W. H. Smith, Elds. T. B. Lancaster, J. W. Gardner	1			2		4	135	11.00
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	3		1	1		1	76	5.10
Red Banks—James Hardy, J. R. Mills, J. B. Edwards	5			2			47	3.00
Sandy Bottom—E. L. Rouse	2					1	12	1.75
Sandy Grove,—I. P. Dowtz, B. Rowe, Elder L. H. Hardy						3	32	6.00
Sappony—W. A. Joyner*, N. D. Joyner,* J. R. Lindsey	4		1	2	1	1	27	1.50
Sheffield—Elder E. E. Lundy, Josiah Tingle*, W. K. Rowe*							6	1.00
Town Creek—H. H. Drake, J. E. Cobb, J. L. Proctor	2	1	3				52	2.00
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Clayton Joyner*, H. S. Tyson					1	2	19	2.00
Upper Town Creek—Elder W. B. Williams, I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner	5	1			1	1	125	5.00

Those absent marked thus *

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PROCEEDINGS SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 7th, 1911.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from 1st. John 1st. Chapter and 7th verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen moderator and Brother B. D. Rowe, clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother G. M. Hardy.

Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

A vote of thanks was given to Elder W. B. Williams, who for several years was moderator of this association.

Elder Charles Meads, preached this afternoon from Rom. 5-10-11. Elder J. T. Rowe at night from Rom. 8-10-11.

Brother H. L. Brake, and Elder J. P. Tingle, were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

Letters were received and read, from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

Petitionary letters to join this association were called for. The church at Sappony asked for a letter of dismission to join the Black Creek Association.

Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes—Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes—Elder P. D. Gold and Brother Amos Hayes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes—Elder L. H. Hardy.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes—Elders S. Hassell, Charles Meads, M. T. Lawrence and Brethren J. C. Robertson and W. H. Daniel.

Liver River—Minutes—Brother R. E. Adams.

Mill Branch—Not represented.

Mayo—Not represented.

New River—Not represented.

Seven Miles—Minutes—Brethren J. R. Webb and Moore Wood.

Staunton River—Not represented.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes—Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River—Not represented.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Tyson's meeting house in Pitt County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1912, at elevn o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. W. Gardner preach the introductory sermon and Elder G. W. Stokes, be his alternate.

Elders P. D. Gold, J. T. Rowe, M. T. Lawrence and S. Hassell, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Black Creek—Minutes—Brother H. L. Brake and Elders J. W. Gardner and J. S. Corbett.

Upper Country Line--Minutes, Brother L. J. H. Mewborn.

Lower Country Line—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams and Brother G. W. Howard.

Delaware—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Delaware River—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Kehukee—Minutes—Elder G. W. Stokes and Brother J. W. Proctor.

Little River—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes—Elder W. B. Williams.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes—Elder J. S. Corbett.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 8, 1911.

Services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold with praise and prayer. Elder P. D. Gold then preached from Romans 7-4: followed by Elder J. T. Rowe from First Samuel 23-1 to 5. After a short intermission the service was resumed by Elder M. T. Lawrence who preached from First John 3-18: followed by Elder S. Hassell, from Col. 1-18. There was a large and attentive audience and the preaching was in demonstration of the spirit and with power.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 9, 1911.

The association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder S. Hassell.

Elder L. H. Hardy preached at the stand today from John 6-38-39.

The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer		$ 0.00
Received from the churches this year		82.20
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.000	
Clerks compensation	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	52.20	
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The report received and committee discharged.

The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the proper table.

On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she have none she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved that our clerk have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

On motion it was resolved by the association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of the association grounds during its session.

On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the association.

On motion the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

Elder T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.
B. D. ROWE, Clerk.
G. M. HARDY, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett, Tarboro, R. F. D., 3, N. C.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, R. F. D. 1. N. C
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. M. Jones, Bridgeton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, R. F. D. 1, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, R. F. D. 1, N. C
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
W. B. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Procter, licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Autry's Creek—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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Beaverdam—Four Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Bethel—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Blount's Creek—Every Fifth Sunday.
Cedar Island—Third Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Damascus—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.
Galloways—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Handcock's—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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Mt. Lebanon—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
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TABLE SHOWING TIME AND PLACE WHERE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.

1830, at Toisnot; 1830 at Nahunta; 1831 at Beaverdam; 1832 at Bear Creek; 1833 at Tyson's; 1824 at Union; 1835 at Pleasant Plains; 1836 at White Oak; 1837 at Old Town Creek; 1838 at Beaverdam; 1839 at Red Banks; 1840 at Pleasant Hill; 1841 at Tyson's; 1842 at Memorial; 1843 at Meadow; 1844 at Beaverdam; 1845 at Nahunta; 1846 at Autry's Creek; 1847 at Black Creek; 1848 at Sandy Bottom; 1849 at New Chapel; 1850 at Old Town Creek; 1851 at Red Banks; 1852 at Swift Creek; 1853 at White Oak, 1854 at Beaverdam; 1855 at Toisnot; 1856 at Rose of Sharon; 1857 at Blount's Creek; 1858 at Union; 1859 at Tyson's 1860 at Bear Creek; 1861 at Meadow; 1862 Black Creek; 1863 at Handcock's; 1864 at Memorial; 1865 at Toisnot; 1866 at Beaverdam; 1867 at Mewborn's; 1868 at Pleasant Hill; 1869 at Rose of Sharon; 1870 at White Oak; 1871 at Town Creek; 1872 at Meadow; 1873 at Aycock's; 1874 at Milton; 1875 at Tyson's; 1876 at Cross Roads; 1877 at Autry's Creek; 1878 at Toisnot; 1879 at Nahunta; 1880 at Red Banks; 1881 at Union; 1882 at Bear Creek; 1883 at Sandy Grove; 1884 at Moore's; 1885 at Mewborn's; 1886 Aycock's; 1887 at Nahunta; 1888 at Town Creek; 1889 at Bethel; 1890 at Mewborn's; 1891 at Autry's Creek; 1892 at Sandy Grove; 1893 at Galloway's; 1894 at Tyson's; 1895 at Union; 1896 at Bear Creek; 1897 at Pleasant Hill; 1898 at Nahunta; 1899 at Mill Branch; 1900 at Meadow; 1901 at Town Creek; 1902 at Red Banks; 1903 at Sandy Grove; 1904 at Mewborn's; 1905 at Autry's Creek; 1906 at Pleasant Hill; 1907 at Upper Town Creek; 1908 at Bear Creek; 1909 at Nahunta; 1910 at Old Town Creek; 1911 at Sandy Grove.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constition of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power, to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor they shall infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purposes strictly connected with this association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry with may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates or theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties	Names of Messengers.	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	To. No. in Fellow.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, J. F. Brown, Eld. A. M. Crisp.	1					4	58	3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson,* R. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton*	1					1	19	8.00
Beaverdam	Lenoir	Eld. J. S. Corbett.							9	1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, W. J. Harris, H. A. Gaskins.	1					1	20	2.00
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Eld. W. M. Jones, seated as a messenger.								
Cedar Island	Carteret	John W. Saulter, T. L. Goodwin, Eld. E. E. Lundy.	1			3			41	2.00
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield.							9	2.00
Galloways	Pitt	Eld. J. S. Corbett, Eld. G. M. Corbett*, J. B. Williams.						1	11	1.00
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Wm. Gaskill, C. G. Carawan, J. M. Carawan	1	1	3				62	4.45
Handcock's	Pitt	Josephus Cox, Elias McGlowhoon	2					1	16	2.00
Haskin's Chapel	Lenoir	By letter stating that they had unanimously agreed to dis.							3	1.00
Meadow	Greene	Eld. D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason*, Bennett Fields.	1				1	1	20	5.10
Mewborn's	Greene	L. J. H. Mewborn, J. L. Mewborn, Eld. T. C. Hart*.			1			1	26	6.25
Moore's	Wilson	R. C. Moore, J. W. Varnell*, Oscar Farmer.	5				1	1	32	2.00
Mount Lebanon	Craven	A. P. Whitford, B. C. Whitford.							26	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, Eld. J. W. Gardner, W. A. Taylor.	3		2		2	2	140	12.00
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake, J W. Proctor.	1			1		3	73	7.60
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, J. W. Hardee, Eld. G. W. Stokes				1		2	44	3.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, Joseph Temple.						2	11	2.25
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, W. C. Rowe, G. M. Hardy.	4					3	33	6.00
Sappony	Nash	J. R. Lindsay, J. D. Baker.	2	1			1	1	28	1.50
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle*.							6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J E. Cobb, J. L. Proctor, W. M. Moore.					1	3	48	3.00
Tyson's	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, S. M. Smith, H. S. Tyson.		3					22	2.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	Eld. W. B. Williams, Geo. Howard, I. T. Eason*.	3		3	3	3	5	120	3.00

Absentees marked thus*

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Saturday Morning, Oct. 12th, 1912.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gardner from Acts 4:12 verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Farmer.

Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen moderator and Brother B. [illegible]. Rowe clerk who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

Elders J. F. Farmer and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder Farmer preached from 2nd Corinthians 1 Chapter 10th verse. Elder J. A. Shaw preached from Song of Solomon 6 Chapter 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th verses.

Brethren E. A. Satnfield and Elder J. P. Tingle were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

Petitionary letters to join this Association were called.

Corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations were called for Abbott's Creek.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer and Brother Amos Hayes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Brother D. C. Moore, John Ward and S. W. Outterbridge and Elder M. T. Lawrence.

Little River—Minutes, Elder J. E. Adams.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—

New River—

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Staunton River—

Salem—

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Appointed our next Association to be held at Meadow meeting house in Greene county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the scond Sunday in October, 1913 at eleven o'clock A. M., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder G. W. Stokes be his alternate.

Elders P. D. Gold, E. E. Oliver, J. R. Wilson and W. T. Lawrence were appointed to preach on Sunday.

The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations also: we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, H. S. Tyson, S. M. Smith, J. L. Brake, Elder G. M. Corbett.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, Elder J. P. Tingle.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbett, J. P. Tingle.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Elder G. W. Stokes, G. M. Hardy, and S. M. Smith.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. W. Gardner, A. M. Crisp and T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

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New River—Minutes.

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Fisher's River—Minutes.

Brother I. T. Eason was appointed to write the obituary notive of the death of Elder W. B. Williams to be appended to the minues. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, Oct. 13th, 1912.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold who preached from Rev. 17th chapter 13th verse, followed by Elder E. E. Oliver from Acts 16th chapter and 30th verse. After a short intermission the services were resumed by Elder J. R. Wilson from Song of Solomon 4th chapter 2nd verse followed by Elder M. T. Lawrence from Acts 2nd chapter 42nd verse.

The preaching was in demonstration of the word and with power and we desire to give God all the glory.

Monday Morning, Oct. 14th, 1912.

The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Farmer.

Elders J. E. Adams and E. E. Lunday preached at the stand today, Elder Adams from 53d chapter Isaiah, Elder Lundy from John 4th chapter 1st and 29th verses.

The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer		0.00
Raised by the Association		$ 5.00
Received from the churches this year		82.65
Received from Elder G. M. Corbett		.50
Received from Mr. J. C. Daniels		5.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.00	
Clerks compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	58.15	
	$93.15	$93.15

The report received and committee discharged.

The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

Resolved that the articles of faith and rules of decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved that our clerk have 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic be allowed within one mile of the Association grounds during its session.

On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder J. W. Gardner.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER,
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Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

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Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.

Bethel—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

Blount's Creek—Every Fifth Sunday.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

Damascus—Second Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

Galloways—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.

Handcock's—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.

Meadow—Fourth Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Mewborn's—Second Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Moore's—Fourth Sunday in Jan., April, June and Oct.

Mt. Lebanon—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in Feb. May, Aug. and Nov.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

Sappony—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.

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Town Creek—Second Sunday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Tyson's—Third Sunday in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imprfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any mmber who shall willingly and knowlingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respectiv churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power, to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches,nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any members of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurrer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of dfficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purposes strictly connected with this association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry which may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

OBITUARY.

Elder W. B. Williams departed this life June 11th, 1912. He was born February 8th, 1834, in Edgecombe County, N. C., near Sharpsburg. His parents were Redmond and Martha Williams. He was married at the age of 23 years to Miss Margaret Ruffin of Edgecombe County. From this union were born three sons and three daughters. Two sons and two daughters are still living to mourn the decease of their loving father. Brother Williams and wife of his youth lived together over forty-two years. Elder Williams was called upon to give to the cold embrace of death one infant son and daughter besides his dear wife. Elder Williams was stricken with lameness at the early age of four years, from which he never recovered, but he bore this affliction for sventy-four years with rare Christian fortitude. He was given to remember his Creator in the days of his youth, joining the Primitive Baptist Church at about the age of 18. He was soon thereafter honored of the Lord in being called into the gospel ministry, in which capacity he was blessed to serve fifty-six years. He was, also, for many years, the honored and honorable moderator of the Contentnea Association. These gospel functions he performed faithfully and then fell asleep. Elder Williams was a precious gift to the church—made precious by the seasoning of the Lord. As a citizen, he was honest, straightforward and energetic—highly esteemed by all who knew him. As a minister of the gospel, he was faithful, sincere, cheerful and bold. Faithfulness was his motto. He both believed in and practiced those good works which are the fruits of grace.

Elder Williams was a kindly, friendly brother, therefore, he was greatly loved by all of the brethren who were priviledged to know him. He was poor in spirit and in this world's goods, but rich in faith. While in church, together with his children and grand-children, mourn the decease of our dear brother, we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we are assured that our loss is his eternal gain. Written by request of The Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association. Respectfully submitted,

I. T. EASON.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND COUNTIES WHERE LOCATED

—Autry's Creek	Edgecombe.
—Bear Creek	Lenoir
—Beaverdam	Lenoir
—Bethel	Pamlico
—Blount's Creek	Beaufort
—Cedar Island	Carteret
—Damascus	Pitt
—Galloway's	Pitt
—Goose Creek Island	Pamlico
—Hancock's	Pitt
—Meadow	Greene
—Mewborns	Greene
—Moore's	Wilson
—Mount Lebanon	Craven
—Nahunta	Wayne
—Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe
—Red Banks	Pitt
—Sandy Bottom	Lenoir
—Sandy Grove	Beaufort
—Sheffield	Craven
—Town Creek	Edgecombe
—Tyson's	Pitt
—Upper Town Creek	Wilson

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel.	Contributions.
Autry's Creek	R. W. Bell, W. R. Abram, J. F. Brown	2					2	58	$4.00
Bear Creek	R. W. and A. R. Sutton, J. H. Dawson							19	9.00
Beaverdam	Elder J. S. Corbett							9	1.00
Bethel	Elder J. P. Tingle, H. A. Gaskins, B. P. Martin*		1					21	2.25
Blount's Creek	Elder G. W. Stokes			1	1			18	1.00
Cedar Island	W.W Styron*, W.M.Goodwin*, Eld. E.E. Lundy				3		1	37	2.00
Damascus	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews						1	8	2.00
Galloway's	Eld. G.W. Corbett, J.B. Williams, Eld. J.S. Corbett							11	1.00

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Mount Lebanon....	R. C. Whitford*, A. P. Whitford*	6		1			2	67	4.00
Nahunta...........	Eld. J.W.Gardner, T.B.Lancaster, W.A. Taylor ..							16	5.00
Pleasant Hill.......	J. W. Proctor, Geo. W. Thomas, J. L. Brake	1	1					22	4.25
Red Banks.........	Elder G. W. Stokes(J. R. Mills, James Williams .				1			25	5.75
Sandy Bottom......	Lake Rouse, L. F. Smith, J. B. Temple						3	29	1.50
Sandy Grove.......	G. M. Hardy, W. C. Rowe, B. D. Rowe	2					3	25	1.00
Sheffield...........	Josiah Tingle, Elder E. E. Lundy, W. K. Rowe ...	2					5	137	12.05
Town Creek........	W. M. Moore, J. L. Proctor, H. H. Drake	3					1	75	5.10
Tyson's............	A. P. Turnage, S. M. Smith, H. S. Tyson	1					1	44	3.00
Upper Town Creek.	I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner, G. W. Howard		1				1	11	2.75
Goose Creek Island.	Elder E. E. Lunday, N. W. Ireland, G. W. Ireland					1		32	6.00
Hancock's.........	B. T. Cox, Elias McGowhorn*							6	1.00
Meadow............	Eld. D.A. Mewborn, Wm.P. Land*' Wm.P. Horton					1	2	45	3.00
Mewborn's.........	G. L. Mewborn, J. J. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn							21	3.00
Moore's............	W. G. Sharp*, H. C. Gardner*, Joe Varnell*.....	2					2	117	3.00
		19			5	2	24	853	82.65

MINUTES

OF THE

83rd Annual Session

OF THE

Contentnea

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

Meadow Meeting House,

GREENE COUNTY., N. C., OCTOBER, 11, 12, AND 13, 1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 11, 1913.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator, and Brother B. D. Rowe Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. P. Tingle.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders W. M. Monsees, J. A. Shaw and J. F. Farmer were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder W. M. Monsees preached from St. John, 1st chapter, 14th verse. Elder J. A. Shaw preached from Job 1st chapter, 9th verse. Elder J. F. Farmer preached from 1st Cor. 1st chapter, 23rd and 24th verses.

6. Brethren W. C. Rowe and E. A. Stanfield were appointed a committee on finance and to distribute the minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations were called for.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer, Lamm, Dr. C. B. Hall and others.

Upper Country Line—

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes. Bro. D. C. Moore, Elders Charles Meades, J. A. Shaw, and A. J. Moore.

Little River—Minutes. Bro. L. H. Williams.

Mill Branch—

Mayo—

New River—

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder W. M. Monsees, Bro. J. R. Webb.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia, Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Red Banks meeting house in Pitt county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Eld. T. B. Lancaster preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Gardner be his alternate.

11. Elders E. E. Oliver, P. D. Gold, J. B. Hardy and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations; also we send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

Black Creek—Minutes. Elder G. M. Corbett, Bro. S. M. Smith and J. E. Cobb.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder J. P. Tingle.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders J. P. Tingle, G. M. Corbett.

Delaware—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders G. W. Stokes, J. S. Corbett, B. T. Cox, Bro. J. E. Cobb, Z. R. Gay.

Little River—Minutes. Bro. J. W. Proctor, G. W. Howard, Elder T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder T. B. Lancaster.

Staunton River—Minutes. Elder J. P. Tingle.

Salem—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes. Elders L. H. Hardy, J. B. Hardy.

Warwick—Minutes. Elder E. E. Lundy.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder J. S. Corbett, Bro. S. M. Smith.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock.

Sunday Morning October 12, 1913.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, who preached from Gen. 7th chap., 16th verse; followed by Elder E. E. Oliver, from John 10th chap., 11th verse. After a short intermission the services were resumed by Elder J. B. Hardy, from 1st John, 4th chap., 2nd verse; followed by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Isaiah 35th chap., 1st and 2nd verses. The preaching was in harmony with the word of God.

Monday Morning, October 13th, 1913.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder

L. H. Hardy.

2. Elders E. E. Lundy and Charles Meades preached at the stand today. Elder Lundy preached from Matthew 25th chap., and first few verses. Elder Charles Meades preached from St. John 17th chap., and a part of the 24th verse.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In the hands of the Treasurer	
Received from the churches this year	$94.00
Received from Mr. J. C. Daniels	5.00
Total	$99.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$20.00
Clerk's compensation	15.00
Gave to visiting ministers	64.00
Total	$99.00

4. The report received and committee discharged.

5. The names of messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved, That the articles of faith and rules of decorum be published and appended to the minutes.

8. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved, That our clerk have 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries, candies, lemonade, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, or any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section one of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.

B. D. ROWE, Clerk.
ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbett, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbett, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
J W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Jackson, Rocky Mount, N C.
W. M. Jones, Bridgeton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, R. F. D. 1, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, licentiate, Goldsboro, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Procter licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

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Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—J. S. Corbett, Pastor; Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blount's Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Cedar Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; T. L. Goodwin, Clerk.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Clerk; M. B. Williford, Pastor.
Galloways—J. S. Corbett, Pastor; J. S. Corbett, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Handcock's—C. C. Bland, Pastor; Jesephus Cox, Clerk.
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Autry's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, W. R. Abrams, Z. R. Gay	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	3.00
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson*, R. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton*	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	10.25
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle, B. P. Martin*	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	2.00
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	Elder G. W. Stokes*	2	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.00
Cedar Island	Carteret	W. R. Mason, Oliver Gillikin, Elder E. E. Lundy	2	0	2	2	0	2	37	2.50
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews*, E. A. Stanfield	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	1.50
Galloway's	Pitt	J. B. Williams, Elders G. M. Corbett, J. S. Corbett	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1.50
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	A. E. Hopkins, Elder E. E. Lundy	1	0	0	0	0	2	66	4.80
Hancock's	Pitt	B. T. Cox, Elias McLawhorn*	3	0	0	0	1	0	18	6.00
Meadow	Greene	Elder D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, Wm. S. Land	0	0	1	1	0	1	21	5.15
Mewborn's	Greene	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney*, L. J. H. Mewborn*	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	8.00
Moore's	Wilson	W. G. Sharp, H. C. Gardner, J. W. Varnell*	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	1.50
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	B. C. Whitford, Wm. Ipock*, Elder J. P. Tingle	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	1.60
Nahunta	Wayne	Elder T. B. Lancaster, W. A. Taylor, R. D. Pate*	2	0	0	0	0	2	137	12.65
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. W. Proctor, J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake	3	1	0	0	0	1	77	8.55
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills*, James Hardie, J. T. Dunn	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	5.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	I. B. Temple, Luke Rouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.50
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	B. D. Rowe, W. C. Rowe, E. B. White	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	6.00
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, E. E. Lundy, Josiah Tingle	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.00
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, H. H. Drake, J. L. Proctor	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	3.00
Tyson's	Pitt	T. W. Smith, W. L. Williams*, A. P. Turnage	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	3.50
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	H. H. Moore, J. J. Moore, G. W. Howard	6	0	0	1	2	3	117	3.00
		Total	21	2	4	5	3	25	842	$94.00

Absentees marked thus *

MINUTES

OF THE

84th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the church at

Red Banks Meeting House

PITT COUNTY, N. C., OCT. 10, 11 and 12, 1914

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning, October 10, 1914.

1. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from Acts. 7:34.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled, and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator, and John P. Tingle, was chosen Clerk.

4. Visiting brethern and messengers from sister Association were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. E. Adams, and J. A. Shaw, were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Adams preached from Rev. 14:6-7, followed by Elder Shaw from Luke 2:14.

6. Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield, were chosen committee on finance.

7. Letters were received, and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Called for corresponding letters, and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbots Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—No Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek—Minutes, Amos Hays, J. R. Lindsey, N. D. Joyner and Elder P. D. Gold.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes E. F. Robinson and others.

Fishers River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, W. M. Monsees, and J. T. Coats.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Mill Branch—No Minutes.

Mayo—No Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Miles—Minutes.

Staunton River—No Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—No Minutes.

Vurginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders I. Jones, and E. E. Lundy.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held at Pleasant Hill. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder A. M. Crisp, will

preach the introductory Sermon, and Elder T. B. Lancaster, his alternate.

11. Elders P. D. Gold; W. N. Tharp; J. T. Rowe; and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Association also we send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.
Black Creek—Minutes, Elders G. M. Corbitt, and J. S. Corbitt.
Delaware—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.
Delaware River—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.
Kehukee—Minutes, Elder J. S. Corbitt, and Brother David Stocks.
Fisher River—Minutes.
Little River—Minutes, G. M. Corbitt, T. B. Lancaster.
Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. P. Tingle, and G. M. Corbitt.
Mill Branch—Minutes.
Mayo—Minutes.
New River—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes, J. P. Tingle, and G. W. Howard.
Staunton River—Minutes, J. P. Tingle.
Salem—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Elders, J. P. Tingle, and G. M. Corbitt.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes, Elders J. S. Corbitt, and T. C. Hart.

13. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Sunday Morning, October 11, 1914.

Services were opened with praise and prayer, by Elder P. D. Gold, who preached from the 19th Psalm; and was followed by Elder W. N. Tharp, who preached from 1st Peter 2:9. After one hour Elder J. T. Rowe, preached from Mat. 28: 18-20, followed by Elder Isaac Jones, who preached from Eph. 2:8.

Elder Tharp was from the White Water Association, also Elder Oliver was present from the Ketocton Association.

Monday Morning, October 12, 1914.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer, by Elder J. E. Adams.

2. Elders E. E. Oliver, J. T. Coats, and L. H. Hardy, were appointed to preach at the stand to-day. Elder Oliver preached from John 5-39-40. Elder Coats followed, and preached from John 19-30 and Elder Hardy followed and preached from Psalms 46-4.

3. The Committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of the Treasurer .. ..

Received from the Churches this year		$85.70
Received of John Daniels and others		6.50
Paid for printing minutes	20.00	
Clerks Compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting Ministers	57.20	
Total	$92.20	$92.20

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called. and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published, and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches, that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her Pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries. candies, lemonade, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, Soda Water, Ginger Ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and find not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, not more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.

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G. M. HARDY, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST. OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
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G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp. Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.
T. C. Hart, La Grange, N. C.
J. W. Kackson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. M. Jones, Hookerton, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Goldsboro, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
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Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; Jordan Williams, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

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Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tingle. Grantsboro, N. C., 20 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C.. 10 copies.
Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek. N. C., 20 copies.
Cedar Island—Thomas L. Goodwin, Roe, N. C., 38 copies.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.
Galloway's—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
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Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	J. M. Carawan T. Sawyer* A. E. Hopkins	3						69	4.00
Handcocks	Pitt	Josephus Cox B. T. Cox							18	6.00
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Mewborn's	Green	J. L. Mewborn S. Kearney L. J. H. Mewborn	2						27	6.00
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Mt Lebanon	Craven	J. P. Tingle B. C. Whitford* A. B. Whitford						3	19	1.00
Nahunta	Wayne	ElderT. B. Lancaster V. A Barlett D. Pate*	1				1	3	134	11.65
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. L. Brake James Jones A. E. Edwards	2	1				2	76	6.90
Red Banks	Pitt	David Stocks Gilford Page J. S James	4		1			1	48	5.00
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Lake Rouse							11	2.25
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Tyson's	Pitt	S. M. Smith, A. P. Tournage, Clayton Joyner			1		1	1	19	3.00
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. W. Joyner*, H. H. Moore, G. W. Howard					2	6	107	3.00
		Totals	17	3	2	2	4	20	802	85.70

Absentees marked thus*

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OF THE

85th Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Pleasant Hill Meeting House

Edgecombe County, N. C.

OCTOBER 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1915

OWEN G. DUNN, PRINTER, NEW BERN.

Proceedings

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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. M. Crisp, from 2nd Tim. 4:2.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

3. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator and Elder Jno. P. Tingle was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother H. L. Brake.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister association were invited to seats.

5. Elders Xure Lee, J. C. Hooks and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon. Elder Lee preached from Jno. 1-29. Elder Hooks followed and preached from Mat. 28-18 and Elder Adams followed from 1st Tim. 1-15.

6. Brethren L. J. H. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield were chosen committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

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Kehukee—Minutes, D. F. Robinson, N. M. Worsley and others.
Fishers River—Minutes.
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Lower Country Line—Minutes.
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Mayo—No Minutes.
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10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Autrys Creek. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1916, at 11 o'clock A. M. and that Elder G. W. Stokes will preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. P. Tingle his alternate.

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12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associatilns, also we send minutes as heretofore:

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On motion adjourned until Monday, Oct. 11, 9:30 A. M.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1915

Services were opened by Elder P. D. Gold who preached from Ezk. 37-3, followed by Elder F. W. Keene, from Songs 4-12,14, After a short intermission services were resumed and Elders B. S. Cowing preached from Titus 2-11,12, and was followed by Elder J. T. Rowe from 2nd Tim. 1-11,12. The preaching was clear with no uncertain sound.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1915

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The church at Cedar Island desired a letter of dismission to join the White Oak Association and to suit her convenience, a letter was granted and handed to one of our messengers to said Asociation.

3. The Committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		00.0000
Received from Churches this year		$85.75
Paid for Printing Minutes	$20.00	
Clerk's Compensation	$15.00	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	50.75	
	$85.75	
Total		$85.75

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called, and those absent without leave, marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Memborne.

ELDER T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator.
Saulston, N. C.
ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Clerk
Grantsboro, N. C.
BROTHER H. L. BRAKE, Asst. Clerk.
Rocky Mount, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
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Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crips, Pastor; Jordan Williams, Clerk

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Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D. No. 21 copies.
Kekukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
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Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
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QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH

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Autry's Creek	Edgecomb	W. R. Abrams, Z. R. Gay ,Elder A. M. Crisp*	......	......	......	......	......	1	57	1	$ 3.00	1905
Bear Creek	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. W. Sutton, Noah Smith	......	......	......	......	......	......	19	1	7.50	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	4	....	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle	......	......	2	......	......	......	19	2	2.00	1899
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder G. W. Stokes* W. A. Ashberry, R. H. Harris*	......	......	......	......	......	......	18	5	1.00	1857
Cedar Island	Carteret	Stephen Emery*, O. H. Gillikin*, M. R. Goodwin	......	......	......	......	......	2	36	3	2.00	......
Damnscus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews*	......	......	......	......	......	......	6	2	1.75	......
Galloways	Pitt	Elders J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt, J. B. Williams	......	......	......	......	......	......	11	1	1.50	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	James Potter	3	1	......	......	......	1	71	4	3.00	......
Handcocks	Pitt	B. T. Cox, Josephus Cox*	......	......	......	......	......	......	18	3	6.00	1863
Meadows	Green	W. S. Land*, Elder D. A. Mewborn , J. T. Lewis	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	4	6.50	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, L. J. H. Mewborn	3	......	......	......	......	......	29	2	7.00	1904
Moores	Wilson	W. G. Sharp*, J. W. Varnett*, H. C. Gardner	......	......	......	......	......	1	28	4	1.50	1884
Mt. Lebannon	Craven	Elders J. P. Tingle, B. C. Whitford*	2	......	......	......	......	......	21	4	1.50	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Richard Pate, Elders T. B. Lancaster, B. F. Taylor	4	......	......	......	......	......	138	3	13.30	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecomb	J. L. Brake, H. L. Brake, G. W. Thomas	......	......	......	......	......	3	73	4	6.45	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, Guilford Page	2	......	......	......	......	......	50	2	5.00	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Lake Rouse	......	......	......	......	......	......	11	2	2.50	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	J. S. Rowe*, W. C. Rowe	......	......	......	......	2	1	30	1	5.25	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, W. R. Edwards*	......	......	......	......	......	2	3	1	1.00	......
Town Creek	Edgecomb	W. H. Mears, J. E. Cobb, W. M. Moore	......	......	......	......	......	2	38	2	2.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	N. C. Vick*, Luther Joyner, S. M. Smith	2	......	......	......	......	......	20	3	3.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. J. Moore, I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner	2	......	......	......	3	......	106	3	3.00	1907
TOTALS			18	1	2	......	5	13	802	......	$85.75	......

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MINUTES

OF THE

86th Annual Session

OF THE

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The Church At

Autrys Creek Meeting House

Edgecombe County, N. C.

OCTOBER 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1916.

OWEN G DUNN, PRINTER, NEW BERN, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1916.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Stokes, from 2nd Cor. 12:9.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Elder T. B. Lancaster was chosen Moderator and Elder Jno. P. Tingle was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders L. H. Stephenson, J. E. Adams and J. L. B. Pridgen were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

6th. Brethren J. L. Mewborn and E. A. Stanfield were chosen committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

b. Baltimore—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

c. Black Creek—Elds. P. D. Gold, J. B. Pridgen and others and minutes.

d. Deleware—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

e. Deleware River—Eld. J. T. Rowe and minutes.

f. Kehukee—Elds. W. B. Strickland and J. A. Shaw and N. M. Worsley.

g. Fishers River—Minutes.

h. Little River—Elds. J. E. Adams, L. H. Stephenson, Bro. R. E. Adams and minutes.

i. Lower Country Line—Bro. G. C. Farthing and minutes.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes.

k. Mayo—No minutes.

l. New River—No minutes.

m. Seven Mile—Brethren L. T. Journeghan and Moses Lee and minutes.

n. Staunton River—Minutes.

o. Salem—No minutes.

p. Upper Country Line—T. A. Stanfield and minutes.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes, Eld. J. T. Rowe.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Bethel, Pamlico County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder A. M. Crisp will preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B. Lancaster his alternate.

11th. Elders P. D. Gold, F. W. Keene, J. T. Rowe and J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also we send minutes as heretofore:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.
b. Baltimore—Minutes, Eld. J. T. Rowe.
c. Black Creek—Minutes, Eld. G. W. Corbett and J. L. Mauler, B. F. Taylor.
d. Deleware—Minutes.
e. Deleware River—Minutes.
f. Kehukee—H. L. Brake, J. S. James, E. A. Stanfield.
g. Fishers River—Minutes.
h. Little River—Elds. J. P. Tingle, J. B. Roberts and T. B. Lancaster.
i. Lower Country Line—Minutes and Eld. J. P. Tingle.
j. Mill Branch—Minutes.
k. Mayo—Minutes.
l. New River—Minutes.
m. Salem—Minutes.
n. Seven Mile—Elds. J. P. Tingle, T. B. Lancaster and J. B. Roberts.
o. Stanton River—Minutes and Elder J. P. Tingle.
p. Upper Country Line—Minutes and Eld. J. P. Tingle.
q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
r. Warwick—Minutes.
s. White Oak—Minutes.

13th. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 9, 1916.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1916.

Elder P. D. Gold opened and preached from Gal.— followed by Elder F. W. Keene from Deut. 25:17, 18, 19. After about one hour Eld. J. T. Rowe preached from Songs 2:8, 12, followed by Eld. J. W. Wyatt from Gen. 7:60.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1916.

1. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Bragg.

2. Elders W. B. Strickland, J. A. Shaw and L. H. Hardy were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer			000	00
Received from churches this year			104	10
Paid for printing minutes	20	00		
Clerk's compensation	15	00		
Gave to visiting ministers	69	10		

4. Report received and the Committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called, and those absent without leave, marked in the Statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries, candies, lemonade, coco-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association, the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1914.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby ten-

dered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn.

ELD. T. B. LANCASTER, Moderator,
Saulston, N. C.

J. P. TINGLE, Clerk,
Grantsboro, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. S. Corbit, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Saulston, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., Licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Proctor, Licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.

OBITUARY NOTICE OF JNO. W. JACKSON.

Elder John W. Jackson of Edgecombe County, N. C., was born July 10th, 1835, and died June 7th, 1916.

Elder Jackson lost his parents in early life and labored hard and had but little schooling; was married in 1856 to Miss Sallie Jackson; joined the Southern army and served in the Civil War until July, 1864, when he returned home wounded, convicted of sin and given a sweet hope in Jesus about this time; and a few years later—November, 1873, united with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, and was baptised by Elder W. W. Barnes. He was soon licensed to preach and in May, 1881, was ordained by Elders B. C. Pitt and J. D. Scott, and has since served his church as pastor until a few weeks before his death. In his last years he was not able to go to church, but was strong in the faith once delivered to the saints, until death. He left several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, besides the church, to mourn the loss of a faithful father and pastor of Pleasant Hill church.

May we be his followers as he followed Christ.

Your brother in hope,

H. L. BRAKE,
Clerk of Pleasant Hill Church.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Damascus—J. B. Roberts, Pastor; E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Hancocks—C. C. Bland, Pastor; G. W. Stokes, Asst. Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mt. Lebanon—J. P. Tingle, Pastor; B. C. Whitford, Clerk.
Moores—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; I. T. Eason, Clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; B. F. Taylor, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, Pastor; J. S. James, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, Pastor; J. B. Temple, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Josiah Tingle, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
Tysons—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 58 copies.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 40 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
Goose Creek Island—Jas. Potter, Jr., Lowland, N. C., 69 copies.

Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Winterville, N. C., 18 copies.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 20 copies.
Mewborn—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4, 27 copies.
Mt. Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askin, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 19 copies.
Nahunta—B. F. Taylor, LaGrange, N. C., 125 copies.
Moores—I. T. Eason, Elm City, N. C., 29 copies.
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76 copies.
Red Banks—48 copies.
Sandy Bottom—J. B. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 5 copies.
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 19 copies.
Upper Town Creek—M. Williams, Elm City, N. C., 100 copies.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 2, 14 copies.
Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Penn., 8 copies.
Delaware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J., 7 copies.
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D. No. 21 copies.
Kelhukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 16 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd C. H., Va., 20 copies.
Seven Miles—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 11 copies.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va., 16 copies.
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C., 10 copies.
Upper Country Line—S. M. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C., 16 copies.
Va. Cors. Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 7 copies.
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gillett, N. C., 17 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and September.

Blounts Creek—Every fifth Sunday.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in January, April, July, and October.

Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this asociation. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting whom it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic Lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

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Beaver Dam	Lenoir	By letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	4	1.00	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Jno. P. Tingle and B. P. Martin	1	..	..	..	..	1	19	2	2.25	1889
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	W. A. Asberry	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	5	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	2.00	....
Galloways	Pitt	G. M. and J. S. Corbitt* and J. B. Williams	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	1	1.50	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	By letter	3	..	1	..	..	1	74	4	3.00	....
Hancocks *	Pitt	Josephus Cox*	3	..	..	..	..	1	20	3	7.00	1863
Meadows	Green	J. T. Lewis, W. S. Land* and Wm. L. Whorton	1	..	..	..	..	1	19	4	6.75	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney and J. E. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	1	28	2	8.00	1904
Moores	Wilson	Joe Varnell and H. C. Gardner	..	..	..	..	..	2	26	4	1.50	1884
Mt. Lebanon	Craven	J. P. Tingle, A. P. Whitford*	1	..	..	1	..	..	21	4	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	T. B. Lancaster, J. B. Roberts and B. F. Clark	1	..	1	2	..	2	141	3	14.65	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards* and J. W. Dupree	4	..	2	..	..	3	75	4	6.50	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. T. Dunn, J. S. James and Joseph Hardee	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	2	12.70	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Lake Rouse	1	..	..	..	1	..	11	2	5.50	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, and G. M. Hardy	4	..	..	..	..	2	32	1	6.00	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle* and W. R. Edwards*	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1.00	....
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. H. Mears and W. M. Moore	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	2	3.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Luther Joyner and N. C. Vick	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	3	4.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, I. T. Eason and J. J. Moore	3	..	1	..	1	1	108	3	3.00	1907
		Absentees marked thus *	23		6	3	4	20	796		104.10	

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE

Pamlico County, N. C.

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1917

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1917.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster, from Matt. 21:42.

2nd. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. A. Simpkins.

3rd. Elder John P. Tingle was chosen moderator and H. L. Brake was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting Brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders C. B. Hall and J. E. Adams were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Hall preached from Matt. 22:8. Elder Adams preached from Eph. 3:8.

6th. Brethren E. A. Stanfield and J. L. Mewborn were chosen committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Called for petitionary letters to join this association. Kinston church was gladly admitted.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.
b. Baltimore—Minutes.
c. Black Creek—Elders C. B. Hall and J. W. Wyatt and minutes.
d. Deleware—Minutes.
e. Deleware River—Minutes.
f. Kehukee—W. H. Daniel, J. J. Manning, and minutes and J. H. Daughtridge.
g. Fishers Rivers—Minutes.
h. Little River—Minutes, Elders J. E. Adams, W. A. Simpkins, and L. H. Stephenson.
i. Lower Country Line—Minutes.
j. Mil Branch—Minutes.
k. Mayo—
l. New River—Minutes.
m. Seven Mile—Minutes.
n. Staunton River—Minutes.
o. Salem—
p. Upper Country Line—Minutes

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lundy and L. H. Hardy and others.

Whitewater. Elder W. N. Tharp.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Nahunta, Wayne county, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder J. P. Tingle will preach the introductory and Elder D A. Mewborn is case of failure.

11th. Elders W. N. Tharp, W. A. Simpkins, J. W. Wyatt and Isaac Jones were appointed to preach Sunday.

12th. The following Brethren agreed to visit sister associations, also we send minister as heretofore:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

b. Baltimore—Minutes.

c. Black Creek—Minutes, J. E. Cobb, J. T. Lewis, Elder Tingle.

d. Deleware—Minutes.

e. Deleware River—Minutes.

f. Kehukee—Minutes, H. L. Brake, Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. E. Cobb.

g. Fishers River—Minutes.

h. Little Diver—Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. P. Tingle.

i. Lower Country Line—Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. P. Tingle.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes.

k. Mayo—Minutes.

l. New River—Minutes.

m. Salem—Minutes.

n. Seven Mile—Minutes, Z. R. Gay, Elder J. P. Tingle.

o. Staunton River—Minutes.

p. Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

s. White Oak—Minutes, Elder J. S. Corbett, H. L. Brake.

13th. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 15, 1917, at 9:00 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1917.

Elder W. N. Tharpe opened services and preached from Matt. 11 chapter 28th to 30th verse. Elder W. A. Simpkins preached from Romans 1:16.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder J. W. Wyatt preached from John 14:6. Elder Isaac Jones preached from Luke 23:42.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1917.

1st. The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder G. T. Powell.

2nd. Elders J. A. Shaw, L. H. Hardy and E. E. Lundy were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

In hands of Treasurer		
Received from churches this year	$110.85	
Paid for printing minutes		25.00
Clerks compensation		15.00
Gave to visiting ministers		73.00
Balance due Treasurer	2.15	
	$113.00	$113.00

4th. Report received and the committee discharged.

5th. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave, marked in statistical table.

6th. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8th. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,100 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coco-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to kind whatsever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association, the same class of goods whch they offer for sale on the days of the meetngs mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Elder JOHN T. TINGLE, Moderator, Grants, N. C.
H. L. Brake, Clerk, Rocky Mount, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

C. C. Bland, Ayden, N. C.
Jas. Corbitt, Grenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenvile, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Saulston, N. C.
Jas. Potter, Jr., Licentiate, Lowland, N. C.
J. W. Proctor, Licentiate, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.
J. E. Mewborn, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Bear Creek—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.
Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—Emma Waller, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.
Damascus—J. B. Roberts Pastor; E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.
Galloways—J. S. Coritt, Pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Jas. Potter, Jr., Clerk.
Hancocks—C. C. Bland, Pastor; G W. Stokes, Asst. Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—L. H. Hardy, Pastor; R. H. Temple, Clerk.
Meadow—D A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.
Mt. Lebanon—J P. Tingle, Pastor; B. C. Whtford, Clerk.
Moores—S. B. Denny, Pastor; I. T. Eason, Clerk.
Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; B. F. Taylor, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
Red Banks—H B. Tucker, Pastor; J. S. James, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—J. W. Gardner, Pastor; Mrs Mary Croom, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; Josiah Tingle, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
Tysons—J S. Corbitt, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C., 58 copies.
Bear Creek—A R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tngle, Grantsboro, N. C., 40 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
Blounts Creek—U L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.
Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
Goose Creek Island—Jas. Potter, Jr., Lowland, N. C., 69 copies.
Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Winterville, N. C, 18 copes.
Knston,—R H. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 20 copies.
Mewborn—L J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4. 27 copies.
Mt. Lebanon—B. C. Whitford, Askin, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 19 copies.
Nahunta—B. F. Taylor, LaGrange, N. C., 125 copies.

Moores—I. T. Eason, Elm City, N. C., 29 copies.
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76 copies.
Red Banks—J S. James, Greenvile, N. C., 48 copies.
Sandy Bottom—Mrs Mary Croom, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Sheffield—Josiah Tingle, New Bern, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1, 5 copies.
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 19 copies.
Upper Town Creek—J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C., 100 copies.

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Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durand, Southampton, Penn., 8 copies.
Delaware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J., 7 copies.
Fisher's Rver—Elder E. P. Stone, Francsco, N. C., R. F. D. 21 copes.
Kelhukee—Elder S. Hasell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 16 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd C. H., Va., 20 copies.
Seven Miles—C. Hodges, Benson, N. C., 11 copies.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va., 16 copies.
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C., 10 copies.
Upper Country Line—S. M. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C., 16 copies.
Va. Cors. Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 7 copies.
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gilett, N. C., 17 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autry's Creek—Frst Sunday in March, June, September, and December
Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and September.
Blounts Creek—Every fifth Sunday.
Cedar Island—Third Sunday in January, April, and October.

Damascus—Second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Galloways—First Sunday n March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday n February, May August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mt. Lebanon—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Bottom—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August and Nevember.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfetions, but shall fairly state the case and matter as as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtaned from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he breaks rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the folowing plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they any eclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Ar.t 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the maney thus contributed by the churches received by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and cirrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting whom it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic Lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does not fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MEMBERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sun. of Meet'g	Contributions	When Ass'n Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. R. Gay, W. R. Abram, Eld. A. M. Crisp*	5	..	..	..	..	1	61	1	$5.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton, Noah Smith	..	..	..	4	..	..	15	1	7.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	4	.....	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	J. P. Tingle, B. S. Tingle, J E Ireland	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	2	2.50	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	..	..	..	..	..	3	13	5	1.00	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield*	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	2	1.75	....
Galloways	Pitt	J. B. Williams, J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt*	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	2.00	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	H. S. Watson* Noah Ireland, Jr., A. E. Hopkins	1	..	..	..	1	5	70	4	3.00	....
Handcocks	Pitt	F. L. Cox*, Luther Tripp, B. T. Cox*	2	..	1	..	..	1	22	3	8.60	1863
Meadows	Green	W. L. Horton, J. T. Lewis*. J. J. Eason	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	4	4.75	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	2	9.75	1904
Moores	Wilson	By Letter	..	..	1	..	..	..	27	4	1.50	1884
Macedonia	Craven	J. P. Tingle, Bryan Fulcher, A. P. Whitford*	2	..	..	..	..	2	20	4	1.50	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, Eld. J. B. Roberts*, B. F. Taylor	3	..	..	2	1	6	135	3	11.35	1909
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards, J. W. Proctor	1	..	..	..	..	1	74	4	6.00	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, J. S. Jones, J. B. Hardy	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	2	15.25	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	.	1	..	..	..	..	10	2	6.75	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy*, G. M. Hardy, W. C. Rowe*	..	1	..	..	..	1	32	1	6.65	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. K. Rowe, Josiah Tingle	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1.50	....
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb*, W. H. Mears*, W.M. Moore*	..	1	..	..	..	..	36	2	3.00	1910
Tyson	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, S M. Smith, Luther Joyner*	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	3	4.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, J. J. Moore, G. W. Howard	..	..	..	..	..	4	104	3	3.00	1907
Kinston	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, J. A. Wiggins*, R. H. Temple	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	5.00	....
		Total	17	4	2	6	3	28	778	..	110.85	...

Absentees marked *.

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Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

NAHUNTA MEETING HOUSE

Wayne County, North Carolina

October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1919

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL ROCKY MOUNT

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1919.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Tingle from Luke 4ch. 16v.

2nd. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Herndon.

3rd. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen moderator and H. L. Brake clerk, who called to his assistance Brother B. F. Taylor.

4th. Visiting brethern and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders T. H. B. Pridgen, J. E. Adams and E. E. Lundy, were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder Adams preached from 116 Psalm. Elder Lundy preached from Rom. 8ch. 28 to 31st v.

6th. Brethren W. M. Moore and E. A. Stonfield were chosen a committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statical table.

8th. Called for petitionary letters to join this association.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister association:

a. Abbotts Creek—No Minutes.

b. Baltimore—No Minutes

c. Black Creek—Elders W. M. Monsees, T. H. B. Pridgen and others and minutes.

d. Delware—F. W. Keene.

e. Delaware River—F. W. Keene.

f. Kehukee—Minutes G. V. Whitfield.

g. Fishers River—Minutes,Elder G. Denny.

h. Little River—Minutes J. E. Adams, Elder W. A. Simpkins, D. A. Thompson and others.

i. Lower County Line—Elder L. H. Hardy and minutes.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes.

k. Mayo—No minutes.

l. New River—Minutes.

m. Seven mile—M. Wood and minutes.

n. Staunton River—Minutes.

o. Salem—Minutes.

p. Upper County Line—T. A. Stanfield and minutes.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—No minutes.

r. Warwick—F. W. Keene, No minutes.

s. Whiteoak—Elders E. E. Lundy, L. H. Hardy and others.

t. Whitewater—Elders W. N. Thorp.

u. Notaway—A. Lundy.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Upper Town Creek, Wilson Co., N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1920, at 11o'clock, a. m. and that Elder T. B. Lancaster will preach the introductory and Elder J. B. Roberts in case of failure.

11th. Elders G. Denny, J. E. Herndon, W. A. Simpkins and F. W. Keene were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12th. The following brethern agreed to visit sister associations, also we send minutes as heretofore:

a. Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

b. Baltimore—Minutes.

c. Black Creek—H. L. Brake B. F. Taylor and E. A. Stanfield and minutes.

d. Delaware—Minutes.

e. Delaware River—Minutes.

f. Kehukee—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, A. E. Edwards and others

g. Fishers River—Minutes.

h. Little River—G. W. Gardner and minutes.

i. Lower County Line—Minutes, G. W. Gardner.

j. Mill Branch—Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster.

k. Mayo—Minutes.

l. New River—Minutes.

m. Salem—Minutes.

n. Seven Mile—V. A. Bartlett and minutes.

o. Staunton River—Minutes.

p. Upper County Line— E. A. Stanfield and B. F. Taylor and minutes.

q. Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

r. Warwick—Minutes.

S. Whiteoak—Minutes, J. E. Mewborn, Elder J. P. Tingle.

13th. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 13th, 1919, at 9:00 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12TH, 1919.

Elder G. Denny opened services and preached from Isiah 53ch. 1v. Elder W. A. Simpkins preached from Psalms 34ch. 20th v.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder J. E. Herndon preached from Tim. 3ch. 16th v. Elder F. W. Keene preached from Jer. 2ch

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13TH 1919.

1st. The association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. F. Pearce.

2nd. Elders L. H. Hardy and W. N. Thorp were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance due Treasurer		2.15
Received from churches this year................	$173.65	
Paid for printing minutes		29.00
Clerk's compensation		15.00
Gave to visiting ministers		127.50
	$173.65	$173.65

4th. Report received and committee discharged.

5th. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave, marked in statistical table.

6th. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8th. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the Ministry of the word, unless some church require his ordination as her pastor, or that the church which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea

Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coco-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 13th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12.. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Stepheson.

Elder JOHN T. TINGLE, Moderator, Grantsboro, N. C.
H. L. Brake, Clerk, Rocky Mount, N. C.
B. F. Taylor Asst, Clk. Goldsboro, N. C. R. F. D. 3

ORDANIED MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Jas. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
A. M. Crisp, Macclesfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Saulston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
G. W. Stokes, Greenville, N. C.
H. B. Tucker, Greenville, N. C.
John P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Saulston, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C.
J. E. Mewborn, Licentiate, Snow Hill, N. C.
Luther Joyner, Licentiate, Greenville, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS.

Autry's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.

Bear Creek—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.

Bethel—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.

Beaverdam—Emma Waller, Clerk.

Blounts Creek—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; U. L. Edwards, Clerk.

Damascus— J. B. Roberts Pastor; E. A. Stanfield, Clerk.

Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.

Goose Creek Island—E. E. Lundy, Pastor; H. B. Caravan, Clerk.

Hancocks—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.

Kinston—L. H. Hardy, Pastor; R. H. Temple, Clerk.

Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Pastor; D. A. Mewborn, Clerk.

Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; L. J. H. Mewborn, Clerk.

Macedonia—J. P. Tingle, Pastor; B. F. Flucher, Clerk.

Moores—No pastor I. H. C. Joyner, Clerk.

Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, Pastor; B. F. Taylor, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell , Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.

Red Banks—H. B. Tucker, Pastor;J. S. James, Clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, Clerk.

Sandy Groove— Elder E. E. Lundy, Pastor; G. M. Hardy, Clerk.

Sheffield—E. E. Lundy, Pastor;

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.

Tysons—J. S. Corbitt, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.

Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Maccdesfield, N. C., 58 copies.

Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 Copies.

Bethel—J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 40 copies.

Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.

Blounts Creek—U. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C., 20 copies.

Damascus—E. A. Stanfield, Farmville, N. C., 6 copies.

Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.

Goose Creek Island—H. B. Carraver, Lowland, N. C., 69 copies.

Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Winterville, N. C., 18 copies.

Kinston—R. H. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.

Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., 20 copies.

Mewborn—L. J. H. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 4. 27 copies.

Macedonia—B. B. Whitfield, Askin, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 19 copies.

Nahunta—B. F. Taylor, Goldsboro, N. C.. 125 copies.
Moores—I. T. Eason, Elm City. N. C., 29 copies.
Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 76 copies.
Red Banks—J. S. James, Greenville, N. C., 48 copies.
Sandy Bottom—Mrs. Mary Croom, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 33 copies.
Scfield—
Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 19 copies.
Upper Town Creek—J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C., 100 copies.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 14 copies.
Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.
Delaware—Elder S. H. Durant, Southampton, Pa., 8 copies.
Delware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J. 7 copies.
Fisher's River—Elder E. P. Stone, Fransco, N. C., R. F. D., 21 copies.
Kelhukee—Elder S. Harsell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River, Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 21 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd C. H., Va., 20 copies.
Seven Miles—C. Hodges, Benson N. C., 11 copies.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va., 16 copies.
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C., 10 copies.
Upper Country Line—S. M. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C., 16 copies.
Va. Cors. Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 7 copies.
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gillett, N. C., 17 copies.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, and December.
Bear Creek—First Sunday in Feruary, May, August and November.
Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in January, April, July and September.

Blounts Creek—Every fifth Sunday.

Cedar Island—Third Sunday in January, April, and October.

Damascus—Second Sunday in March, June September, December.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feruary, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May ,August and November.

Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

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Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and De-

Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—First Sunday in February, August, May, November.

Sheffield—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, June, Septembeer and December.

Upper Town Creen—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time. who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfetions, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or applicantion than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject,, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Associaction shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND REFORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government. viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicate and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any eclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches received by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14 Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any buisness which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethern in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting whom it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, tract, or Sunday school union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No of Members	Sun. of M't'g	Contributions	When Ass'n Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	W. R. Abram, J. F. Brown, Eld. A. M. Crisp	6	..	..	..	..	4	63	1	$5.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, Noah Smith, A. R. Sutton	..	..	..	..	..	3	12	1	7.50	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	4	.....	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. P. Martin	..	..	..	..	..	5	14	2	5.00	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Peter L. Hill	1	..	..	..	..	2	10	5	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	2	3.00	....
Galloways	Pitt	Eld. Jas. S. Corbitt*, G. M. Corbitt	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	3.00	1893
Goose Crk. Island	Pamlico	Eld. E. E. Lundy, Geo. Ireland*, H. B. Coravan	6	..	..	6	..	7	65	4	4.00	....
Handcocks	Pitt	Luther Tripp*, Frank L. Cox*, Walter D. Williams	4	..	..	..	..	1	25	3	12.00	1863
Meadow	Green	J T Lewis, W. S. Land*, J. J. Eason	1	..	..	..	..	1	16	4	7.75	1913
Mewborn	Green	J. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewborn	1	..	..	..	..	1	27	2	16.00	1904
Moores	Wilson	By Letter	2	..	..	..	..	1	26	4	5.35	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. F. Fulcher*	1	..	..	..	1	1	16	4	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, R. D. Pate, N. A. Bartlett	..	..	..	..	2	7	136	3	41.20	1918
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. W. Dupree*, A. E. Edwards	..	1	..	..	..	6	68	4	6.60	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, R. D. House, J. S. James	5	..	2	..	..	5	52	2	15.85	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, Sister S. A. Sutton	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	4	6.75	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, Geo. M. Hardy*	..	..	..	3	..	1	26	1	8.00	1911
Sheffield	Craven	W. R. Edwards*	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1.00	....
Town Creek	Edgecombe	W. M. Moore, J. E. Cobb, H. H. Drake*	1	..	..	..	1	3	32	2	3.00	1910
Tyson	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Clayton Joyner*, A. P. Turnage	1	..	..	..	..	3	20	3	5.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	I. T. Eason, G. W. Whitehead, J. M. Williams	11	..	1	1	..	6	109	3	6.00	1907
Kinston	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. H. Temple, J. A. Wiggins*	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	3	8.15	....
		Total	41	3	3	10	4	59	751	..	173.65	...

Absentees marked *

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Church

AT

UPPER TOWN CREEK

MEETING HOUSE

Wilson County, North Carolina

OCTOBER 9TH., 10TH., 11TH., 1920

OFFICERS

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Moderator

H. L. BRAKE, Clerk

G. M. HARDY, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning Oct. 9th., 1920

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld., T. B. Lancaster from 2 Tim., 2 chp., 15 verse.

2nd. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Eld. J. W. Gardner.

3rd. Eld. J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake clerk, who called to his assistance Brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5th. Elders J. E. Adams, E. E. Lundy and L. H Stevenson were appointed to preach this afternoon. Eld., Adams preached from Revulations 22 chapter 13th verse, Eld., Lundy preached from Matthew 19th chapter 13 to 16 verse, Eld L. H. Stevenson 1st Cor., 9-16.

6th. Brethren W. M. Moore and E. A. Stanfield were chosen a committee on finance.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messenger's names enrolled in the statistical table.

8th. Called for petionary letters to join this association.

9th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

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b. Baltimore—Min. Eld., J. T. Rowe.
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f. Kehukee—Min. Eld., J. A. Shaw, W. A. Armstrong, Cowing and others.
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t. Roaring River—Eld., W. R. Craft.
u. Notoway—A. Lundy.

10th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Handcocks. Pitt County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1921, at 11 o'clock, a. m. and that Elder W. B. Kearney be appointed to preach the introductory and Elder A. M. Crisp in case of failure.

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Sunday Morning October, 10th., 1920

Elder J. T. Rowe preached from Rom., 8-29. B. S. Cowing, John 10 chp., 27-30 verse. C. F. Denning, John 13chp., 1, verse. L. H. Hardy, Phil. 2 chp., 12-13 verse J. F. Beaman 1st., Cor., 15 chp. 51, verse.

Sunday Afternoon

Elder F. W. Keene preached from 1st., King's 20 chp., 33 verse Geo. W. Boswell, John 6 chp., 45 verse. J. W. Gardner, John 6 chp., 44 verse W. B. Harrington 2nd., Samuel 23 chp., 5 verse.

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

Autry's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C. 58 copies.
Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.
Bethel—J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C., 20 copies.
Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Waller, Kinston, N. C., 5 copies.
Blounts Creek P. L. Hill, Blounts Creek, R. F. D. No. 1 N. C.
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Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 11 copies.
Goose Creek Island—H. B. Carraver, Lowland N. C. 50 copies..
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Kinston—R. H. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.
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Moores—I. H. C. Joyner Elm City, N. C., 29 copies.
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Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod N. C., 40 copies.
Sandy Botton—Mrs. Mary Croom, Kinston, N. C., 11 copies.
Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, 25 copies,

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Town Creek—W. M. Moore, Macclesfield, N. C., 40 copies.
Tysons—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 19 copies.
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Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.
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Delware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J. 7 copies.
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Kelhukee—Elder S. Harsell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.
Little River, Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 21 copies.
Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 21 copies.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Banard, Peter's Creek, Va., 21 copies.
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyed C. H. Va., 20 copies.
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Va. Cors. Meeting—Elder J. N. Badger, Manassas, Va., 7 copies.
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middletown, N. Y., 8 copies.
White Oak—Elder C. C. Brown, Gillet, N. C., 17 copies.

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CONSTITUTION AND REFORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government. viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicate and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

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Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches received by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

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Art. 13. The minute of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

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CHURCHES and COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sunday of Meetings	Contributions	When asso's last held
Autreys Creek Edgecombe	W. R. Abram, J. F. Brown Eld. A. M. Crisp	4					2	65	1	10.00	1916
Bear Creek Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton, Nash Smith						1	11	1	7.00	1908
Beaver Dam Lenoir	Not Represented								4		1866
Bethel Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. B. Martin J. E. Ireland						1	14	2	5.00	1917
Blounts Creek Beaufort	J. B. Gerand, P. L. Hill		1				1	11	5	1.50	1857
Damascus Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J.D. Gates*		1					7	2	5.00	
Galloways Pitt	Eld. Jas. J. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt						1	9	1	3.00	1893
Goose Cr'k Is. Pamlico	Eld. E. E. Lundy, G. W. Ireland					2	4	58	4	5.35	
Handcocks Pitt	B. A. Highsmith*, W. D. Williams Alex. McLawhorn	2					1	26	3	12.50	1863
Kinston Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. H. Temple		1					6	3	9.00	
Meadow Green	W. S. Land* J. T. Lewis, J. J. Eason	1						17	4	8.00	1913
Mewborn Green	J. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn W. B. Kearns							26	2	16.00	1904
Moores Wilson	I. H. C. Joyner, Eld. R. E. Adams, Joe Varnick*							26	4	6.25	1884
Macedonia Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. F. Fulcher*						1	15	4	1.50	1852
Nahunta Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, R. D. Pate Eld. J. B. Roberts				2	2	8	121	3	21.35	1919
Pleasant Hill Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. W. Dupree, A. E. Edwards	3	1				1	70	4	10.40	1915
Red Banks Pitt	J. R. Mills* J. T. Dunn* Eld. G. W. Stokes	3			2		1	54	2	5.00	1914
Sandy Botton Lenoir	E. L. Rouse							10	4	5.00	1848
Sandy Grove Beaufort	W. J. Harris, Geo. M. Hardy	1						27	1	7.00	1911
Sheffield Craven	W. R. Edwards						2	1	1	1.00	
Town Creek Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. M. Moore, H. H. Drake	1					2	31	2	6.00	1910
Tyson Pitt	E. M. Smith, Oscar Speight * A. P. Turnage							21	3	6.00	1912
Upper Town Cr'k Wilson	I. T. Eason, J. J. Moore, G. W. Howard	3			1		4	108	3	8.00	1920
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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Church at
HANDCOCKS
MEETING HOUSE
Pitt, County, N. .C.
October 8, 9, 10, 1921

OFFICERS

Elder J. P. Tingle ....Moderator
H. L. Brake ....Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, Oct. 8th, 1921

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Kearney from Phil. 2:1-2.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Harrington.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and Brother H. L. Brake, Clerk who called to his assistance Brother Geo. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. W. Williams, S. B. Denny, L. E. Bryant were appointed to preach this afternoon. Elder J. T. Williams preached from Gen. 15:9. Elder S. B. Denny John 1:1, Elder L. E. Bryant, Gen.

6. Brethren W. M. Moore and E. A. Stanfield were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join the Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations:

a. Abbotts Creek: Minutes.
b. Baltimore: Minutes.
c. Black Creek: Minutes, Elder R. E. Adams, Elder J. T. Williams and others.
d. Delaware: Minutes.
e. Delaware River: Minutes.
f. Kehukee: Minutes, Elder W. B. Harrington, Elder Tillman Sawyer and others.
g. Fishers River: Minutes.
h. Little River: Minutes. J. T. Phelps, W. C. Rowe.
i. Lower Country Line: Minutes.
j. Mill Branch: No minutes.
k. Mayo: Minutes.
l. New River: Minutes.
m. Seven Mill: Minutes.
n. Staunton River: Minutes.
o. Salem: Minutes.
p. Upper Country Line: Minutes.
q. Va. Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.
r. Warwick: Minutes.
s. White Oak: Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy, Elder L. E. Bryan and others.

t. White Water: Elder W. N. Thorp.

10. Appointed our next Association be held with the church at Mewborns, Green County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1922, at 11 o'clock a. m.. and that Elder D.. A. Mewborn be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder A. M. Crisp in case of failure.

11. Elders W. B. Harrington, F. W. Keene, W. N. Tharp, L. H. Hardy, B. S. Cowing, C. W. Miller were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations and we send minutes as heretofore:

a. Abbott's Creek: Minutes.
b. Baltimore: Minutes, G. W. Gardner.
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13. It was agreed that we drop the name Sheffield from our table of churches, it becoming extinct by W. R. Edwards moving membership to Bethel, he being the last member of Sheffield.

14. On motion conference adjourned until Monday, October 10th, 1921 at 9 o'clock a. m.

Sunday Morning, October 9th, 1921

Elder W. B. Harrington preached from Gal. 3:22. Elder F. W. Keene, Ezk. 17:22.

Sunday P. M. Elder W. N. Tharp, 1 John 1:3. Elder L. H. Hardy, John 14:1-2-3. Elder B. S. Cowing 2 Cor. 3:22. Elder C. W. Miller.

Monday Morning, October 10th, 1921

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene.

2. Elders T. R. Sawyer, R. E. Adams, J W. Gardner were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the Churches		$131.15
Printing minutes and postage	$45.00	
Clerks compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	66.65	
Printing 500 Asso. Letter heads	4.50	
	$131.15	$131.15

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

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Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The name of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND REFORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION —ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent o represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any eclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the

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Sandy Grove—No Pastor; G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
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QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH

Autry's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaverdam—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and ember.

Blounts Creek—Every 4th Sunday in March, June September.

Damaseus—Second Sunday in March, June, September, and December.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches received by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minute of this Association when printed, shallbe regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at ecah Association.

Art. 13. The minute of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this association. (5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting who it shall judge necessary. (9) The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, tract or Sunday school union societies, nor avocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

ELDER HENRY B. TUCKER.

This dear Brother was born August 20th, 1851, and died February 7th, 1921. On October 17th, 1872 he married Sallie E. Brooks, with whom he lived in peace and love until his death.

He was a great sufferer for 34 years, and the last six years of his life he was confined to his bed, and the most of this time he was as helpless as an infant. During these years he was very tenderly cared for and nursed by willing hands. He was never heard to complain nor murmur at the providences of God in his afflictions. He would say, "How long, O Lord, How long." and then repeat the words of the poet. "I want a heart to pray: To pray and never cease; never to murmur at my stay, nor to wish my sufferings less."

When he was a youth of seventeen God in mercy saw fit to convince him of sin, and of judgment. His conviction was poignant, his deliverence bright. Because of a feeling of unworthiness, and fearfulness of deceiving the people of God it was several years before he went before the church, but the works of God's grace in his heart moved him, and made him willing in the day of his power. In August, 1882, he and his companion offered to the church at Red Banks, were received, and baptized the same day. Soon afterwards he felt impressed with a call to the ministry, and suffered much from a feeling of unfitness and unworthiness, but was not disobedient to the heavenly calling. He was liberated by the church in March, 1893, and on March 10th, 1894, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry.

A few years thereafter he was chosen pastor of the church and filled that high and holy position in the fear of God to the day of his death, yet, because of his sore afflictions, he could not attend any of the church meetings for several years.

The Contentnea Association extends her sincere sympathy to sister Tucker and to all the bereaved.

G. W. STOKES.

Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Names of Messengers	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No of Members	Sunday of Meetings	Contribution	When Asso. Last Held
Autreys Creek	Edgecombe	W. R. Abrams,* J. J. Dunford, Z. R. Gay	13	0	0	0	3	2	73	1	$ 5.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton,* Noah Smith, J. W. Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	8.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented								4	-----	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle	0	1	1	0	2	0	14	2	3.00	1917
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	Anson B. Cox, J. B. Gerard	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	5	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J. D. Gates*	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	5.00	——
Galloway	Pitt	Eld. Jas. S. Corbitt, Eld. G. M. Corbitt	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	2.00	1893
Goose Creek Isl.	Pamlico	N. W. Ireland,* W. Goodwin*	0	0	1	0	11	2	46	----	5.35	——
Handcocks	Pitt	Josephus Cox, B. A. Highsmith	5	0	0	0	0	1	30	3	12.00	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	John H. Dawson, J. A. Wiggins	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	8.00	——
Meadow	Green	Elder D. A. Mewborn, J. T. Lewis, J. J. Eason	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	4	6.00	1913
Mewborn	Green	L. J. H. Mewborn, Eld. W. B. Kearney. J. E. Mewborn										
Moores	Wilson	Eld. R. E. Adams, Jos. Varnell*	1	0	0	2	0	0	25	2	11.00	1904
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. F. Fulcher*	0	1	0	1	1	0	26	4	2.00	1884
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster R. D. Pate, V. A. Bartlett	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	2.00	1852
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards, J. W. Dupree*	0	0	0	0	0	8	113	3	14.70	1919
Red Banks	Pitt	Eld. G. W. Stokes, J. R. Mills, J. T. Dunn	3	1	0	0	0	3	71	4	10.10	1915
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	0	0	0	0	1	3	50	2	6.00	1914
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, E. B. White, G. M. Hardy	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	4.50	1848
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. T. Dupree,* J. E. Cobb,* W. M. Moore	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	1	5.00	1911
Tyson	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Clayton Joyner, Oscar Speight	4	0	0	0	0	0	35	2	6.00	1910
Upper Town Crk	Wilson	I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner, J. M. Williams	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	3	6.00	1912
			8	0	0	1	0	5	110	3	8.00	1920
		Absentees Marked * Totals							730		$131.15	

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

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Held With the Church at
MEWBORNS, Green County, N. C.
OCTOBER, 7, 8, 9, 1922

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OFFICERS:

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H. L. BRAKE, Clerk, Rocky Mount, N. C.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Ass't. Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.

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Luther Joyner, Greenville, N. C.

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Bethel—Eld. J. P. Tingle, Pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.
Beaverdam—Emma Wallter, Clerk.
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Damascus—C. F. Denny, Pastor; J. D. Gates, Clerk.
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Goose Creek Island—No Pastor; N. W. Ireland, Hoboken, N. C., Clerk.
Hancocks—G. W. Stokes, Pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.
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Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, Pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.
Red Banks—Eld. G. W. Stokes, Pastor; J. S. James, Clerk, Jethro Mills, Asst. Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—No Pastor; G. M. Hardy, Clerk.
Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; W. M. Moore, Clerk.
Tysons—Luther Joyner, Pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

Proceedings

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1922

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. A. Mewborn, from no special text.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder P. G. Lester.

3. Elder John P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and Brother H. L. Brake Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. E. Adams, J. A. Herndon, H. F. Hutchins were appointed to preach this afternoon.

6. Brethren W. M. Moore and E. A. Stanfield were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbots Creek: Minutes.

Baltimore: Minutes; Eld. J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek: Minutes; Elder J. W. Wyatt, J. T. Williams, C. F. Denny and others.

Delaware: Minutes; Eld. J. T. Rowe and J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River: Minutes; Eld. J. T. Rowe and J. W. Wyatt.

Kehukee: Minutes; E. C. House, J. L. Robertson and others.

Fishers River: Not represented.

Little River: Minutes; J. T. Phelps, Eld. J. E. Adams and others.

Lower Country Line: Minutes; Eld. J. E. Herndon, J. D. Dupree.

Mill Branch: Not represented.

Mayo: Minutes; Eld. H. F. Hutchins.

New River: Eld. P. G. Lester.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Staunton River: Eld. P. G. Lester.

Salem: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: Minutes; Elder Wm. Monsees.

Va. Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes; Elders L. E. Bryan, L. H. Hardy and others.

Warwick: Minutes; Eld. J. W. Wyatt.
others.

Muskingum: Eld. E. J. Harris.

Mountain: Eld. M. B. Martin.

10. Appointed our next Association be held with the church at Sandy Grove, Beaufort County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1922, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder J. P. Tingle be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder G. W. Stokes, in case of failure.

11. Elders P. G. Lester, J. T. Rowe, B. P. Martin, A. L. Harrison, J. W. Wyatt, C. F. Denny, Wm. Monsees, T. J. Head, F. W. Keene, S. B. Denny, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send minutes as heretofore:

Abbotts Creek, Minutes.

Baltimore, Minutes; J. J. Eason.

Black Creek, Minutes; Eld. J. E. Mewborn, G. W. Gardner and others.

Delaware, Minutes.

Delaware River, Minutes.

Kehukee, Minutes; H. L. Brake, Eld. J. P. Tingle, Eld. Jas. Corbitt.

Fisher's River, Minutes.

Little River, Minutes; I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner.

Lower Country Line, Minutes; E. A. Stanfield, Eld. T. B. Lancaster.

Mill Branch, Minutes.

Mayo, Minutes.

New River, Minutes; H. L. Brake.

Salem, Minutes.

Seven Miles, Minutes.

Staunton River, Minutes; Eld. J. P. Tingle.

Upper Country Line, Minutes; Eld. J. P. Tingle.

Va. Corresponding Meeting, Minutes.

Warwick, Minutes.

White Oak, Minutes; Eld. J. S. Corbitt, Eld. J. E. Mewborn.

13. Motion of Preamble and Resolutions adopted as follows:

Whereas the ministers and churches of the Little River Association, together with the ministers and brethren of the churches in other sister Associations have joined together with the ministers and churches of the said Little River Association in making a careful investigation of the corruption in the church at Raleigh, N. C., caused by the very evil conduct of W. A. Simpkins; and

Whereas, the churches composing the said Little River Association, and the Association in an organized body, together with the Lower Country Line Association in an assembled body have withdrawn fellowship from the said W. A. Simpkins, and Gaston T. Powell, and all other parties and persons who are holding to, walking with, and fellowshipping the said W. A. Simpkins, G. T. Powell, and their adherents and followers:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, now in an assembled body, that we do declare that we are in full fellowship with the actions of the said Little River and Lower Country Line Associations; and

Resolved, further that we do here and now declare non-fellowship for the same disorder, anl we do advise the churches and members composing this body that they do not in any way affiliate with the said W. A. Simpkins, G. T. Powell, nor any of their followers.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1922

Services were opened by Elder P. G. Lester, who preached from Deut. 32:4; Elder J. T. Rowe, John 10:1-16; B. P. Martin, Prov. 21:14; A. L. Harrison, 2 Cor. 2:7; S. B. Denny, Matt. 11:1; J. W. Wyatt, Col. 1:16; F. W. Keene, Isaiah 6:1-6; T. J. Head, Kings 17:41; C. F. Denny, John 14:1-6.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1922

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder E. C. Stone.

2. Elders L. H. Hardy, J. C. Hooks, E. J. Harris, J. A. Shaw, were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report.

Received from the Churches		$149.40
Printing Minutes and Postage	$ 36.00	
Clerk compensation	15.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	98.40	
	$ 149.40	$ 149.40

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the

church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, andd associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarette or tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than fifty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Moderator
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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Autrey Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, J. J. Dunford, Z. R. Gay	1	0	1	1	1	3	70	1	$ 5.00	1916
Bear Creek.	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, Noah Smith, A. R. Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	--	7.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Pamlico	Not Represented	-	--	--	--	--	--	---	--	-----	1866
Bethel	Beaufort	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. P. Martin,x W. R. Edwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	--	3.25	1917
Blounts Creek	Beoufort	Peter L. Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	4	2.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Slanfield, J. B. Gatesx	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	--	4.25	----
Galloway	Pitt	Elders J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt	1	0	0	2	0	1	6	--	2.00	1893
Goose Creek Isl.	Pamlico	R. Goodwin, H. S. Watson, N. W. Ireland	0	0	0	0	1	1	43	--	4.00	----
Handcocks	Pitt	Luther Tripp, B. A. Highsmith,x Walter Williams	4	0	0	0	0	1	33	--	12.00	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson, R. H. Temple, Geo. Rouse	3	1	0	0	0	0	11	--	11.00	----
Meadow	Green	J. J. Eason, Eld. D. A. Mewborn, J. T. Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	--	8.50	1913
Mewborn	Green	L. J. H. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, Eld. W. B. Kearney	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	--	15.00	1922
Moores	Wilson	Eld. R. E. Adams	1	1	0	1	0	1	27	--	7.50	1884
Macedona	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	--	2.15	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, R. D. Pate.x V. A. Bartlett	3	0	0	3	2	4	107	--	13.25	1919
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. W. Dupree, A. E. Edwards	6	1	0	1	1	2	75	--	10.00	1915
Red Banks	Pitt	Eld. G. W. Stokes, J. T. Dunn,x J. W. Hardy	3	0	0	0	0	2	51	--	13.40	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse, Sister Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	--	3.50	1848
Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Cobb, W. M. Moore, J. T. Dupree	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	--	6.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Oscar Speight, A. P. Turnage	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	--	5.00	1912
Upper Town Cre	Wilson	J. M. Williams, J. W. Joyner,x J. T. Eason	8	2	2	0	0	5	117	--	8.00	1920
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, Sister Ruth Holliday, Pauline Hardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	--	6.10	1911
		Absentees marked x										
						Totals					$149.40	

MINUTES OF THE
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ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

SANDY GROVE

Beaufort County, N. C.

October 13, 14, 15, 1923

OFFICERS:

Elder J. P. Tingle ------------------------------ Moderator
Grantsboro, N. C.

H. L. Brake -- Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Geo. M. Hardy ------------------------------ Assistant Clerk
Aurora, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 13, 1923

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John P. Tingle, who preached from Isa. 35th chapter, 3rd verse.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder C. F. Denny.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and Bro. H. L. Brake Clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. Geo. M. Hardy.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elder J. E. Adams and J. T. Williams were appointed to preach this afternoon.

6. Brethren J. M. Williams and J. J. Eason were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Association:

Abbott's Creek, minutes.
Baltimore, Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.
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Fisher's River, Minutes.
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Staunton River, Minutes.
Salem, Minutes.
Upper Country Line, Minutes.
Va. Corresponding Meeting, Minutes.
White Oak, Minutes, R. S. Joyner, A. A. Garner.
Warwick, Minutes, Elder J. W. Wyatt.
Whitewater, Elder W. N. Thorp.

Roaring River, Elder W. R. Craft.

10. Appointed our next Association be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, N. C., services to commence on Saturday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1924, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder T. B. Lancaster be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder D. A. Mewborn in case of failure.

11. Elders C. F. Denny, J. T. Rowe, W. B. Harrington, J. W. Wyatt and E. C. Stone were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek, Minutes.

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Black Creek, Elder J. P. Tingle, J. S. Corbett.

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Delaware River, Minutes.

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Monday Morning, October 15, 1924

1. The Association was opened by praise and pray-

er by Elder J. T. Rowe.

2. Elders W. R. Craft and W. N. Thorp were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$150.00
Printing Minutes and postage	$40.00	
Clerk's Compensation	$15.00	
Gave visiting Ministers	95.90	
	$150.90	$150.90

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Deacons be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe.

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ELDER G. W. STOKES

The subject of this sketch was born April 20th 1868 and departed this life August 6, 1923, aged 55 years, three months and fourteen days, was the son of H. J. and Mancy H. Stokes, was married to Mary A. Hardee, January 19, 1892. He united with the church at Red Banks the second Saturday in August, 1892, was ordained deacon November 1893 and served as same until he was ordained to the ministry in September 1900 and was a faithful servant until his death, never having a charge of unfaithfulness brought against him, he served the churches of Hancocks and Red Banks satisfactorily so far as we know until death. He served the church at Blount's Creek for twelve or thirteen years as pastor and finally had to resign on account of ill health to the grief of his brethren. He also visited several of the destitute churches on the coast trying to help them to settle their differences so far as he saw it; he was a man for peace at home and abroad, he never meddled with other men's business that did not concern him but was a lover of peace.

Written by his grief-stricken wife,

MARY A. STOKES.

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Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, J. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton						1	10	1	5.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented										1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, B. P. Martin, W. R. Edwards x							1	13	2.50	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufofrt	P. L. Hill x, J. B. Gerald x, W. A. Asbury							11	4	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	By Letter							12	2	5.00	
Galloway	Pitt	Elder J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt		1					7	1	2.00	1893
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Wright Goodwin x N. W. Ireland, G. W. Ireland	1					1	42	4	5.60	
Handcocks	Pitt	Luther Tripp x, W. D. Williams, F. L. Cox x	1					1	33	3	12.50	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	J. H. Dawson x, Sister Lela Mewborn		1		1		1	11	3	11.00	
Meadow	Greene	Elder D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, W. S. Land							16	4	8.00	1913
Mewborn	Greene	Elder W. B. Kearney, J. J. Kearney, W. E. Mewborn						1	23	2	16.00	1922
Moores	Wilson	Elder R. E. Adams, J. J. Thorn x							26	4	3.00	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Elder J. P. Tingle, A. P. Whitford	1					1	19	4	2.40	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Elder T. B. Lancaster, W. A. Bartlett, D. A. Lancaster x	2		1			2	108	3	18.40	1919
Pleasant Hill	Pitt	H. L. Brake, A. E. Edwards, A. T. Griffin.	5					1	79	4	10.00	1915
Red Banks	Edgecombe	J. R. Mills, J. W. Hardy						4	47	2	13.50	1914
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse							11	4	3.00	1848
Town Creek	Edgecombe	Sisters Annie Jenkins x, W. M. Moore, Dora Sugg x	1					1	36	2	4.00	1910
Tysons	Pitt	S. M. Smith, Oscar Speight							19	3	6.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, J. W. Joyner, I. T. Eason	1	2			2	8	113	3	8.00	1920
Sandy Grove	Beaufofrt	D. C. Hardy, J. K. Hollidia, W. J. Harris						1	25	3	4.00	1923

Absentees marked (X)

MINUTES OF THE
NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONTENTNEA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

Pleasant Hill

Edgecombe County, N. C.

October 11, 12, 13, 1924

OFFICERS:

Eld. J. P. Tingle ---------------------------------- Moderator
Grantsboro, N. C.

H. L. Brake ---------------------------------- Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Eld. J. E. Mewborn ---------------------------------- Ass't. Clerk
Snow Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 11th, 1924

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. B. Lancaster from 13th chapter 1st Cor. 13 v.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Craft.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders G. M. Trent, T. A. Stanfield, L. H. Hardy, and E. C. Jones were appointed to preach this afternoon and Elder Ben Martin and J. W. Wyatt at night.

6. Brethren J J. Eason and J. M. Williams were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations:

Abbott's Creek, minutes.

Baltimore.

Black Creek, Minutes, J. R. Linsey, Elders Denny, Cobb and others.

Delaware.

Delaware River.

Kehukee, Minutes. Elder W. B. Harrington, R. A. Bailey and others.

Fisher's River, minutes.

Little River, Minutes. Elders E. C. Jones, J. T. Phelps and others.

Lower Country Line, minutes. Elders T. B. Lascaster, J. W. Wyatt and L. H. Hardy.

Mill Branch, minutes.

Mayo, minutes. Elder G. M. Trent.
New River, minutes.
Seven Mile, minutes. J. B. Barefoot, G. T. Turlington.
Staunton River, minutes.
Salem, minutes.
Upper Country Line, minutes. Elder T. A. Stanfield.
Va. Corresponding Meeting.
White Oak, minutes. Elder Isaac Jones and others.
Warwick.
Roaring River, Elder W. R. Craft.
Mountain Acssociation, Elder Ben Martin.
Maine Conf., Elder F. W. Keene. .

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Red Banks, Edgecombe county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1925, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder J. P. Tingle be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that W. B. Kearney in case of his failure.

11. Elders C. F. Denny, N. H. Harrison, W. B. Harrington, Isaac Jones, B. S. Cowin, E L. Cobb were appointed to preach at the stand on Sunday. At night N. H. Harrison and S. B. Denny.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek, minutes.
Baltimore, minutes.
Black Creek, J. J. Eason, A. E. Edwards and others.
Delaware, minutes.
Delaware River, minutes.
Kehukee, minutes, H. L. Brake, Z. R. Gay and Eld. J. P. Tingle.
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Staunton River, minutes.
Upper Country line, minutes, Elder J. P. Tingle.

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Motion carried to adjourn until Monday A. M. 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, October 12, 1924

Services were opened by Elder C. F. Denny who preached from Isa. 40, 10, 11 followed by N. H. Harrison. Rom. 11-33 B. S. Cowin, Prov. 31-14; W. B. Harrington, Heb. 2-6; E. L. Cobb, Matt. 5-40; Isaac Jones, no text Sunday night.

Elders N. H. Harrison, from Rom. 8-32.

Elder, S. B. Denny, no special text.

Monday Morning, October 13th, 1924

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Eld. T. A. Stanfield.

2. Elders J. W. Gardner, F. W. Keene, Denson, preached at the stand this morning.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$166.30
Printing minutes and postage	$35.00	
Clerk's Compensation	$15.00	
Gave visiting Ministers	116.30	
Total		$166.30

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the statistical table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder R. E. Adams.

ELD. J. P. TINGLE, Moderator.
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Va. Cors. Meeting—K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va., 7 copies.

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White Oak—R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C., 17 copies.

Quarterly Meeting of Each Church

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Constitution and Reform of Government of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

—Articles of Faith

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep in order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

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Beaver Dam, Lenoir	Not represent	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		1866
Bethel, Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	1.50	1917
Blount's Creek, Beaufort	J. B. Gerard x, P. L. Hill x.	2	--	--	--	--	--	13	2.50	1857
Damascus, Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews x.	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	10.00	
Galloway, Pitt	Eld. J. S. Corbitt x, G. M. Corbitt	1	--	--	--	--	--	8	2.00	1893
Goose Crk. Island, Pamlico	H. S. Watson, N. W. Ireland, J. G. Sadler x	2	--	--	--	--	2	42	5 35	
Hancock's, Pitt	W. D. Williams, B. A. Highsmith, B. T. Cox	8	--	--	--	--	1	40	13.50	1921
Kinston, Lenoir	Eld. L. H. Hardy, R. H. Temple, Mrs. J. H. Dawson	--	2	--	1	--	--	11	11.50	
Meadow, Greene	J. T. Lewis, Eld. D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	8.30	1913
Mewborn, Greene	Eld. W. B. Kearney, Eld. J. E. Mewborn, J. L. Mewborn	5	--	--	--	--	3	26	15.00	1922
Moores, Wilson	Eld. R. E. Adams, Oscar Farmer x, Jas Varnell x	--	--	--	1	--	1	24	2.00	1884
Macedonia, Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle	--	--	--	--	--	2	19	2.00	1852
Nahunta, Wayne	Eld. T. B. Lancaster, W. A. Lineove, B. A. Lancaster	2	--	1	--	--	-	111.	22.60	1919
Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. T. Griffin, A. E. Edwards	1	--	--	1	1	--	77	10.00	1924
Red Banks, Pitt	Joe Hardy, Arch Beddard, J. H. Dunn x	6	--	--	--	--	1	51	14.80	1914
Sandy Bottom, Lenoir	E. L. Rouse	--	--	--	--	--	1	10	3 50	1848
Sandy Grove, Beaufort	H. H. Drake, J. T. Dupree x	2	--	--	--	--	1	26'	5.75	1923
Town Creek, Edgecombe	S. M. Smith, Oscar Speight, Clayton Joyner	--	--	--	--	--	2	34	6.00	1910
Tysons, Pitt	J. M. Williams, I. T. Eason, J. W. Joyner	1	--	--	--	--	--	20	8.00	1912
Upper Town Creek, Wilson	W. J. Harris, Sister A. A. Holliday, Sister A. Watson	3	1	--	--	2	5'	110	8.00	1920
									$166.30	

MINUTES OF THE
NINTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONTENTNEA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

RED BANKS

PITT COUNTY, N. C.

October 10, 11, 12, 1925

OFFICERS:

Elder J. P. Tingle ---------------------------Moderator
549 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C.

H. L. Brake --Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Elder J. E. Mewborn ------------------------Assistant Clerk
Snow Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning—October 10, 1925

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Tingle from Luke 4-18, 19.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder N. H. Harrison.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. B. Harrell, R. E. Adams and R. H. Boswell, were chosen to preach at the stand this evening.

6. Brethren J M. Williams and J. J. Eason were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messenger's names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. J. B. Boswell, J. W. Ellis and others.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes. Lester House, Eld. Strickland and others.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes. Eld. L. H. Stephenson.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Eld. E. C. Oakes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes. W. P. Griffin.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. J. E. Hewitt, B. F. Scott.

Warwick—Minutes.

Roaring River—Eld. W. R. Craft.

10.—Appointed our next Association to be held with church at Meadow, Green County, N. C. Service to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1926, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder J. P. Tingle be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder A. M. Crisp in case of his failure.

11. Elders L. H. Stephenson and N. H. Harrison, M. B. Martin and B. S. Cowin, Elders C. F. Denny and E. C. Oakes, W. B. Strickland, T. C. Hart and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. H. L. Brake, G. W. Gardner, J. J. Eason and others.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes. E. A. Stanfield, G. W. Gardner and others.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes. Eld. G. M. Corbitt, Elder J. P. Tingle.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. G. W. Gardner.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes Elder G. M. Corbett, Elder J. P. Tingle.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. E. A. Stanfield, Eld. A. M. Crisp.

Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

13. On motion adjourned until Monday A. M., at 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning, October 11, 1925

Services were opened by Elder L. H. Stephenson, who preached from Peter 1-18 to 20, followed by N. H. Harrison. Text, Tim. 6-15. M. B. Martin, Rom. 8-12 B. S. Cowin, Tim 1-12 C. F. Denny, John 10-22 to 28. E. C. Oakes, Isaiah 55-10. W. B. Strickland and J. A. Shaw.

Monday Morning, October 12, 1925

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

2. Elders W. R. Craft, L. H. Hardy and T. C. Hart, were sent to the stand to preach.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$174.15
Printing Minutes and postage	$ 35.00	
Clerk's Compensation	15.00	
Gave visiting ministers	124.15	
Total	$174.15	$174.15

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatever any cigars cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association the same class of goods which they offer or sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn.

ELD. J. P. TINGLE, Moderator.
Raleigh, N. C.
H. L. BRAKE, Clerk.
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Autrey's Creek—J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C. 58 copies.

Bear Creek—A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C., 20 copies.

Bethel—B. P. Martin, Grantsboro, N. C., 20 copies.

Beaverdam—Mrs. Emma Walker, Deep Run, N. C., 5 copies.

Blount's Creek—P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, 15 copies.

Damascus—J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C., 15 copies

Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., 12 copies

Goose Creek Island—N. W. Ireland, Hoboken, N. C., 36 copies.

Hancocks—Josephus Cox, Winterville, N. C., 40 copies.

Kinston—R. H. Temple, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.

Meadow—J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C., 20 copies

Mewborn—J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, R. F. D., No. 4, 30 copies.

Macedonia—N. A. Whitford, Erneell, N. C., 15 copies.

Nahunta—V. A. Bartlett, Saulston, N. C., 90 copies.

Moores—Eld. R. E. Adams, Wilson, N. C., 30 copies.

Pleasant Hill—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 80 copies.

Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C., 50 copies.

Sandy Bottom—Mrs. J. J. Croom, Kinston, N. C., 10 copies.

Sandy Grove—G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2, 30 copies.

Town Creek—G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C., 30 copies.

Tyson—A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C., 30 copies.

Upper Town Creek—J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C., 90 copies.

Distribution of Minutes to the Association

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2 ,10 copies.

Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md., 8 copies.

Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., 19 copies.

Delaware—J. B. Miller, Newark, Del., 8 copies.

Delaware River—D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J., 7 copies.

Fisher's River—Elder E. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D., 21 copies.

Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 45 copies.

Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C., 21 copies.

Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 21 copies.

Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg Walnut Cove, N. C., 21 copies.

Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, N. C., 10 copies.

New River—Elder J. M. Dickerson, Willis, Ca., 20 copies.

Seven Miles—Elder W. G. Turner, Dunn, N. C., 21 copies.

Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad Street, 16 copies.

Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C., 10 copies.

Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahow, N. C., 16 copies.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va., 7 copies.

Warwick—Elder R. L. Dodson, 184 Pierpont Ave., Rutherford, N. J., 8 copies.

White Oak—R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C., 17 copies.

Quarterly Meeting of Each Church

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Beaverdam—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek—Every 5th Sunday.

Damascus—Second Sunday in May, November and February.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Meadows—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and December.

Sandy Grove—Third Sunday in February, August, May and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May and August and November.

Tysons—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Constitution and Reform of Government of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

Articles of Faith

From a long series of experiences, we the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep in order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Assciation shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed: Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and message and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have the power: (1) To provide for the general rule of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in this Association .(5) To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of the sitting who it shall judge necessary. (9) The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will be countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Their Postoffice

Jas. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Pinetops, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
T. C. Hart, LaGrange, N. C.
T. B. Lancaster, Goldsboro, N. C., 809 Ashe St.
John P. Tingle, Raleigh, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.
J. E. Bewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D., No. 4.
Luther Joyner, Greenville, N. C.

Names of Churches, Pastors and Clerks

Autrey's Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, Clerk.

Bear Creek—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; A. R. Sutton, Clerk.

Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, pastor; J. P. Tingle, Clerk.

Beaverdam—J. E. Mewborn, pastor, Emma Waller, Clerk.

Damascus—C. F. Denny, pastor; J. D. Gates, Clerk.

Blount's' Creek—Tillman Sawyer, pastor; P. L. Hill, Clerk.

Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, pastor; J. S. Corbitt, Clerk.

Goose Creek Island—W. W. Styron, pastor; N. W. Ireland, Clerk.

Hancocks—W. M. Monsees, pastor; Josephus Cox, Clerk.

Kinston—L. H. Hardy, pastor; R. H. Temple, Clerk.

Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor; J. J. Eason, Clerk

Mewborn—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.

Macedonia—J. P. Tingle, pastor; no Clerk

Moores—R. E. Adams, pastor; J. J. Thorne, Clerk.

Nahunta—T. B. Lancaster, pastor; V. A. Bartlett, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, pastor; H. L. Brake, Clerk.

Red Banks—Luther Joyner, pastor; Sistere Bessie Brooks, Clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, Clerk.

Sandy Grove—J. W. Wyatt, pastor; G. M. Hardy, Clerk.

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.

Tysons—Joshua Ross, pastor; A. P. Turnage, Clerk.

Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptised	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sunday of Meetings	Contribution	When Association Held Last
Autrey's Creek	W. R. Abrams, J. J. Dunford, Eld. A. M. Crisp.	10	--	--	--	--	4	84	1	$10.00	1916
Bear Creek	A. R. Sutton x, R. W. Sutton x	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	1	4.50	1908
Beaver Dam	Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Emma Waller x	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1	1.50	1866
Bethel	Eld. J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle x, W. R. Edwards	--	--	--	--	--		13	2	2.50	1917
Blount's Creek	W. A. Ashbury x, Anson B. Cox x, P. L. Hill	--	--	--	--	--	3	10	5	1.50	1857
Damascus	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Mathews x	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	2	5.00	----
Galloway	Elders J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt, C. M. Buck	2	--	--	--	--		10	1	4.00	1893
Goose Creek Island	N. W. Ireland x, Jas. G. Sadler x	5	--	--	--	--	1	44	4	3.00	----
Hancocks	Alex McLawhorn, F. L. Cox x B. T. Cox	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	3	14.00	1921
Kinston	Eld. L. H. Hardy, Sisters L. E. Heath, Eliza Davis	--	--	--	2	--	1	10	3	9.00	----
Meadow	J. T. Lewis, Eld. D. A. Mewborn, W. S. Land	1	--	--	--	--	1	16	4	6.25	1913
Mewborn	Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Eld. W. B. Kearney, S. L. Kearney	2	--	--	1	--	1	26	2	19.00	1922
Moores	Eld. R. E. Adams x, Sister W. A. Fly x	--	--	--	--	--	1	24	4	2.00	1884
Macedonia	Eld. J. P. Tingle, Sister Chandler	--	--	--	--	2	--	16	4	2.00	1852
Nahunta	W. A. Lineave, V. A. Bartlett, R. D. Pate x	1	--	--	2	--	6	104	3	23.65	1919
Pleasant Hill	H. L. Brake, A. T. Griffin, A. E. Edwards	--	--	--	--	--	--	77	4	10.00	1924
Red Banks	J. R. Mills, Joe Hardy	--	--	--	--	1	2	47	2	18.00	1925
Sandy Bottom	E. L. Rouse, Sister Rouse	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	4	10.25	1848
Sandy Grove	W. J. Harris x ,Mary J. Watson x	--	--	--	--	--	1	24	3	5.50	1923
Town Creek	G. G. Trevathan, J. E. Cobb x, Sister W. M. Moore	3	--	--	--	--	2	35	2	6.00	1910
Tysons	S. M. Smith, Clayton Joyner, Oscar Speight.	1	--	--	--	--	--	20	3	8.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	J. M. Williams, G. W. Gardner, J. E. Jones	10	--	--	--	1	3	116	3	8.00	1920
	Absentees marked x										

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MINUTES OF THE
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ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONTENTNEA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

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Held with the Church at
MEADOW
GREENE COUNTY, N. C.
October 9, 10, 11, 1926

OFFICERS

Elder John P. Tingle ------------------------------ Moderator
549 E. Hargett Street, Raleigh, N. C.
H. L. Brake -- Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder J. E. Mewborn ------------------------ Assistant Clerk
Snow Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1926

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John P. Tingle from Heb. 11-26.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Joshua Rowe.

3. Elder John P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

44. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders W. E. Grimes and J. W. Gardner were chosen to preach at the stand this evening.

6. Brethren J. M. Williams and J. J. Eason were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this Association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations.

Abbott's Creek—No communication.
Baltimore—Elder Joshua Rowe.
Black Creek—Minutes. Elder R. E. Adams, Elder S. B. Denny and others.
Delaware—Elder Joshua Rowe.
Delaware River—No communication.
Kehukee—Elder N. H. Harrison.
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Little River—Elder L. H. Stephenson, S. A. Lassiter and others.
Lower Country Line—Minutes.
Mill Branch—No communication.
Mayo—Minutes. H. F. Hutchens.
New River—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes. W. P. Griffin, Junius Barefoot.
Staunton River—No communication.
Salem—Minutes.

Upper County Line—Elder W. M. Monsees.
Va. Corresponding·
Meeting—No communication.
White Oak—No communication.
Warwick—Elder Joshua Rowe.
Five Mile Creek—Y. L. Williamson, visitor.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Mewborn's, Greene County. Service to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1927, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder D. A. Mewborn be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder A. M. Crisp in case of his failure.

11. Elders S. B. Denny, Joshua Rowe, N. H. Harrison, R. H. Boswell, B. S. Cowin, H. F. Hutchins, L. H. Stephenson, Joshua Ross, Tillman Sawyer were appointed to preach on Sunday

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send our minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Black Creek—H. L. Brake, Elder J. S. Corbitt, J. P. Tingle.
Delaware—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee—Minutes. H. L. Brake, Elder J. S. Corbitt
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Little River—Minutes. Elders G. M. Corbitt, J. P Tingle.
Lower Country Line—Minutes.
Mill Branch—Minutes. Elder J S. Corbitt.
Mayo—Minutes.
New River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder G. M. Corbitt, Elder J. E. Mewborn.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder J. P. Tingle.
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes. Elder J. E. Mewborn, H. L. Brake.

13. Elder J. E. Mewborn was appointed to prepare obituaries of Elders T. C. Hart and T. B. Lancaster.

14. On motion adjourned until Monday A. M., at 9 o'clock.

15. On motion preaching begin at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1926

Services were opened by Elder S. B. Denny, who preached from Heb. 8-1. Joshua Rowe, Acts 2-38, 39. N. H. Harrison, John 11-35. R. H. Boswell, John. B. S. Cowin, 1st Cor. 15-3, 4 H. F. Hutchens, Job 1-22, 23. L. H .Stephenson, John 11-35. Tillman Sawyer, Matt 221. Joshua Ross.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1926

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder W. M. Monsees.

2. Elders J. C. Hooks, text. Joshua Rowe, Matt. 228-18, 19, 20. Wm. Monsees were sent to the stand to preach.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$161.00
Printing Minutes and Postage	$ 35.00	
Clerks Compensation	15.00	
Given visiting Ministers	111.00	
	$161.00	$161.00

4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

6. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she have

none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches, and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatever, any cigârs, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said meeting of said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder Joshua Rowe.

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Moderator

H. L. BRAKE, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

	Copies
Autrey's Creek, J. F. Brown, 320 S. Church St., Ry. Mt., N. C.	58
Bear Creek, A. R. Sutton, LaGrange, N. C.	20
Bethel, J. S. Tingle, Alliance, N. C.	20
Beaverdam, Mrs. Emma Walker, Deep Run, N. C.	5
Blount's Creek, P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Galloways, J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.	12
Goose Creek Island, N. W. Ireland, Hoboken, N. C.	36
Hancocks, B. A. Highsmith, Ayden, N. C.	40
Kinston, R. H. Temple, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow, J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C.	20
Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, R. F. D. No. 4	30
Macedonia, G. A. Whitford, Ernull, N. C.	15
Nahunta, V. A. Bartlett, Saulston, N. C.	90
Moores, J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill, H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	80
Red Banks, J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom, Mrs. J. J. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No .2	30
Town Creek, G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C.	30
Tyson, A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C.	30
Upper Town Creek, J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	90

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	Copies
Abbott's Creek, A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	10
Baltimore, Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md.	8
Black Creek, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	19
Delaware, J. B. Miller, Newark, Del.	8
Delaware River, D. M. Voorhees, Pennington, N. J.	7
Fisher's River, Elder E. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. R. F. D.	21
Kehukee, Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	45
Little River, J. W. Creech, Benson, N. C.	21
Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	21
Mayo, S. B. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.	21
Mill Branch, M. Mears, Tabor, N. C.	10
New River, Elder J. M. Dickerson, Willis, Va.	20
Seven Mile, Elder W. G. Turner, Dunn, N. C.	21
Staunton River, R. L. Dodsin, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St	16
Salem, W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Upper Country Line, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	16
Virginia Corresponding Meeting, K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va.	7
Warwick, Elder R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N. J.	8
White Oak, R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.	17

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday February, May, August and November.

Beaverdam—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek—Every 5th Sunday.

Damascus—Second Sunday in May, November and February.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from the irrespective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Associaton, except it be wthdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art.12. The Minutes of this Association when prpinted, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union, societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Jas. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Pinetops, N. C.
D. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
John P. Tingle, Raleigh, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.
Luther Joyner, Greenville, N. C.
R. D. Pate, Licentiate, Pikeville, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder A. M. Crisp; J. F. Brown, clerk.
Bear Creek—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; A. R. Sutton, clerk.
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, pastor; J. P.. Tingle, clerk.
Beaverdam—J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Emma Waller, clerk.
Damascus—Eld. J. B. Roberts, pastor; J. D. Gates, clerk.
Blount's Creek—Tillman Sawyer, pastor; P. L. Hill, clerk.
Galloways—J. S. Corbitt, pastor; J. S. Corbitt, clerk.
Goose Creek Island—W. W. Styron, pastor, N. W. Ireland, clerk.

Kinston—L. H. Hardy, pastor; R. H. Temple, clerk.

Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor; J. J. Eason, clerk.

Mewborn—Eld. J. E. Mewborn and W. B. Kearney, pastors; J. E. Mewborn, clerk.

Macedonia—J. P. Tingle, pastor; no clerk.

Moores—Eld. J. C. Smith, pastor; J. J. Thorne, clerk.

Nahunta—J. W. Gardner and W. B. Kearney, pastors; V. A. Bartlett, clerk.

A. B. Denson, associate pastor.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, pastor, A. B. Denson, associate pastor, H. L. Brake clerk.

Red Banks—Luther Joyner, pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks, clerk

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, clerk.

Sandy Grove—J. W. Wyatt, pastor; G. M. Hardy, clerk.

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; G. G. Trevathan, clerk.

Tysons—Joshua Ross, pastor ;A. P. Turnage, clerk.

Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. M. Williams, clerk.

ELDER THOS. C. HART

Elder Thos. C. Hart, son of Elder Robert D. Hart, was born January 31st, 1842 and died June 9th, 1926. He was married to Miss Martha C. Hardy, April 22nd, 1867. They lived nearly sixty years together only lacking about one month.

To this union eleven children were born. Only six survive him.

He joined the church at Mewborn's in March, 1878, was licensed to preach December 1887 and was ordained to the full work of the ministry December 1893. He served the church at Sandy Bottom, Lenoir county, N. C., for several years and travelled in different sections and preached in many places and the brethren were generally delighted at his preaching.

He enjoyed attending his meetings. He often referred to them as heavenly places. I think he enjoyed hearing good preaching as well as any one I ever saw. In his preaching the most of the time he spoke in poetry and often in conversation also.

He had a good gift as a poet. The last time I went to see him just two days before he died he recited a very beautiful poem that he had recently composed concerning that great day of recompense.

I will now quote in part as I remember:

That great day for which all other days were made,
  For which the earth was formed and its foundation laid.
At that great day of recompence
  Behold devoid of fear the fatal book unfold.
Then wafted upward to the blissful seat
  From age to age the song freegrace repeat
Our God, our life, our light,
  Our Saviour see, and with His angels praise only thee.

He served during the Civil War in some of the most severe battles and was wounded but overcame that and finally was captured and carried to "Point Lookout" and as he often said came near dying but God brought me out. He spoke often of the mercies of God to poor sinners. He taught in some of the schools of this county (Greene) in his early days. His children and neighbors did all they could to comfort him in his declining days.

Elder W. B. Kearney and myself conducted his funeral in the midst of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Talked concerning resurrection which was a most glorious theme to him for several years and sang some of his favorite hymns.

The floral offerings were many.

He was laid to rest in the family burial ground to await the resurrection. May we be among the happy throng.

J. E. MEWBORN.

June 12th, 1926.

ELDER THOS. B. LANCASTER

In the death of Elder Thos. B. Lancaster the Contentnea Association has lost one of its ablest ministers. He was born September 1851 and died March 11th, 1926.

He jointed the church at Nahunta, Wayne County, N. C. Oct. 18th, 1879 and was ordained to the ministry February 1882 by Elders Shade Pate and John R. Roberts. In the 44 years of his ministry he served the churches at Bear Creek in the town of LaGrange, N. C., Mewborn's in Green County and Aycock's and Nahunta in Wayne Countyy, N. C. He served Mewborn's and Nahunta churches for about thirty years, Bear Creek about twenty years and Aycocks about fifteen years. He preached often at the nearby churches besides going to the different unions and associations. Oftentimes would preach in sections where we have no meeting houses. He preached as much or as many times in these forty-four years as any minister in our association.

It has often been said of him that he preached as much in the home as in the church and fully as much in his life and manner before his brethren, neighbors and friends. He never left any of the churches in his care without first making provision for them. He offered his resignation to Mewborn's church several times in his declining days but we like Ruth of old, felt like saying "Ought but death separate us."

I often think of the many times our hearts were made glad in hearing him proclaim the glorious things of God. He was one of the most lovable and peaceable men that has lived in this generation and the churches he served and this association whom he served as moderator for a number of years are living witnesses to this as in the forty-four years of his ministry there was but little confusion when his advice was heeded. He was looked on by the business world as well as the church as a model, he being one of the most successful farmers of his county. He was twice married, first time to Miss Gatsy Combs, last time to Miss Lula Mewborn. They were to him all could be asked. His home for fifty years was a home for Primitive Baptists. Oftentimes forty and fifty at a time in his meetings would visit him and he always seemed delighted in caring for them.

He felt his weakness as all the saints and often seemed puzzled at the language of the Apostle Paul in which he said, "But when I became a man I put away childish things." He greatly desired to become a man that is a perfect man, and we now feel that he is resting with that perfect one and believe he is made like Him and is to no more see in part.

Elder J. C. Hooks preached one of the ablest discourses at his funeral it ever has been my privilege to hear on the resurrection and the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May we abide at His coming and be among the happy throng.

J. E. MEWBORN.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptised	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sunday of Meetings	Contributions	Last Ass'n. Held
Autrey's Creek	W. R. Abrams, J. F. Brown, Elder A. M. Crisp	13	3	--	--	1	6	94	2	$ 10.00	1916
Bear Creek	R. W. Sutton, A. R. Sutton x	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	7.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Sister Emma Waller x, Elder J. E. Mewborn	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	1.00	1866
Bethel	Elder J. P. Tingle, W. R. Edwards	--	--	--	--	--	1	12	--	3.50	1917
Blount's Creek	P. L. Hill x, R. T. Crotch x	2	--	--	--	--	1	11	--	1.50	1857
Damascus	E. A. Stanfifield, J. A. Mathews x, J. D. Gates x	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	6.00	----
Galloway	Elder G. M. Corbitt, Elder J. S. Corbitt	1	--	--	1	--	--	10	--	6.00	----
Goose Creek	N. W. Ireland x, H .S. Watson, W. Goodson x	4	1	--	--	--	--	47	--	3.00	----
Hancocks	W. R. Griffin x, W. D. Williams, B. T. Cox	--	--	--	--	--	5	35	--	12.50	1921
Kinston	Sister Annie Dawson, Sister Lyddie Heath, Sister E. Davis	--	--	--	1	--	--	9	--	6.50	----
Meadow	Elder D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, J. F. Lewis	--	--	--	--	--	1	15	--	6.00	1926
Mewborn	Elder W. B. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn, Elder J. E. Mewborn	1	--	--	--	--	3	24	--	19.50	1922
Moores	Sister Willie A. Fly x	--	--	--	1	--	1	21	--	3.00	1884
Macedonia	By Letter	--	--	--	--	--	2	14	--	2.00	1852
Nahunta	N. A. Bartlett, R. D. Pate, D. A. Lancaster x	1	--	1	1	--	7	98	--	18.00	1919
Pleasant Hill	H. L. Brake, A. T. Griffin, A. A. Hux	3	--	--	1	--	4	75	--	10.00	1924
Red Banks	J. R. Mills, J. W. Hardy, Arch Beddard	--	--	--	--	--	2	48	--	16.50	1925
Sandy Bottom	E. L. Rouse and wife	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	5.00	1848
Sandy Grove	W. J. Harris, A. B. Beechunn, Mary A. Watson	1	--	--	--	--	2	23	--	7.00	1923
Town Creek	G. G. Trevathan, H. H. Drake, J. T. Dupree x	4	--	--	--	--	--	39	--	6.00	1910
Tysons	M. O. Speight, S. M. Smith, Luther Joyner x	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	--	6.00	1912
Upper Town Cr	J. M. Williams, G. W. Whitehead, I. T. Eason	2	--	--	--	1	4	113	--	8.00	1920
	Absentees marked X										
										$161.00	

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OFFICERS

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Raleigh, N. C.

H. L. BRAKE ----------------------------------Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.

ELDER J. E. MEWBORN -----------------------Asst. Clerk
Snow Hill, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1927

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. A. Mewborn from 1st John 5-7.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder N. H. Harrison.

3. Elder John P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. W. Gardner, L. H. Hardy E. F. Pollard were chosen to preach this evening.

6. Brethren J. M. Williams and J. J. Eason were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionary letters to join this association.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Elder L. H. Hardy

Black Creek—Minutes. Elders R. E. Adams, R. H. Boswell and others.

Delaware—Elder L. H. Hardy.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elder N. H. Harrison, A. W. Baily, A. Z. White.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes, Elder E. F. Pearce.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes. W. G. Shepperd.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes. L. D. Reaves

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Eld. W. M. Monsees.

Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

White Oak—Eld. E. F. Pollard, B. F. Scott, W. T. Kellum.

Warwick—Not represented.

Mount Enon—Elder M. L. Gilbert.

Maine Conference—Eld. F. W. Keene.

10. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at Nahunta, Wayne County. Service to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Octobec, 1928, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Elder J. P. Tingle be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Luther Joyner in case of his failure.

11. Elders W. T. White, M. L. Gilbert, N. H. Harrison, B. S. Cowin, J. N. Rogerson, J. T. Williams were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations and send our minutes as heretofore:

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Baltimore—Minutes.

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Mewborn and Eld. D. A. Mewborn.

On motion adjourned until Monday A. M. at 9 o'clock

On motion preaching begin at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1927

Services were opened by Elder F. W. Keene, followed by:

Elder W. T. White, text Rom. 8-28.
Elder M. L. Gilbert, text Peter 4-11.
Elder N. H. Harrison, text 1st Cor. 4-5.
Elder B. S. Cowin, text Ex. 15-13.
Elder J. N. Rogerson, text, Gal. 2-20.
Elder J. T. Williams, text. Rom. 1-16.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

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Beaverdam—J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Emma Waller, clerk.
Damascus—Eld. J. B. Roberts, pastor; J. D. Gates, clerk.
Blount's Creek—Tillman Sawyer, pastor; P. L. Hill, clerk.
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Goose Creek Island—W. W. Styron, pastor, N. W. Ireland, clerk.

Handcocks—Eld. W. M. Monsees, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.

Kinston—L. H. Hardy, pastor; Lydia E. Heath, clerk.

Meadow—D. A. Mewborn, pastor; J. J. Eason, clerk.

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Macedonia—J. P. Tingle, pastor; no clerk.

Moore's—Eld. J. C. Smith, pastor; J. J. Thorne, clerk.

Nahunta—J. W. Gardner and W. B. Kearney, pastors; V. A. Bartlett, clerk.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Boswell, pastor; A. B. Denson, associate pastor, H. L. Brake, clerk.

Red Banks—Luther Joyner, pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks Gay, clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W..B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, J. J. Dunford x, Eld. A. M. Crisp	4	--	--	2	--	--	96	$ 10.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, Sister Martha Sutton, A. R. Sutton x	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	7.25	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Sister Emma Waller, Eld. J. E. Mewborn	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	1.00	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	W. R. Edwards x, J. S. Tingle, Eld. J. P. Tingle	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	2.50	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	P. L. Hill x Anson B. Cox x	--	--	--	--	--	1	10	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Matthews x	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	4.50	----
Galloway	Pitt	Elds. J. S. Corbitt and G. M. Corbitt	--	--	--	--	--	1	9	3.00	----
Goose Creek Isl.	Pamlico	N. W. Ireland, Wright Godwin, Warden Lewis	6	1	1	1	--	4	49	4.00	----
Hancocks	Pitt	H. D. Williams, Luther Tripp, F. L. Cox x	2	--	--	--	--	1	36	12.61	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	Lydia Heath, Eld. L. H. Hardy, Annie Dawson x, Lela Mewborn x	--	--	--	--	--	1	8	4.20	----
Meadow	Greene	Eld. D. A. Mewborn, J. J. Eason, W. S. Land	--	--	--	--	--	1	14	6.50	1926
Mewborn	Greene	Eld. W. B. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn, Eld. J. E. Mewborn	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	18.50	1927
Moore's	Wilson	Sister William Flye x	--	--	--	--	--	1	21	3.00	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, S. N. Slaughter x	--	--	--	--	2	2	11	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	R. D. Pate x, D. A. Lancaster x, V. A. Bartlett	1	--	1	1	3	1	93	22.00	1919
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. A. Hux, A. E. Edwards x	3	1	--	2	--	2	75	10.00	1924
Red Banks	Pitt	J. W. Hardy, J. R. Mills, A. P. Williams	--	--	--	--	--	3	45	14.75	1925
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Tysons	Pitt	S. M. Smith, M. O. Speight, J. L. Wilkerson x	1	--	--	--	--	1	21	6.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J M. Williams, I. T. Eason, C. D Womble	6	2	--	2	--	4	115	10.00	1920

Absentees marked x.

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H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. ---------------------- Clerk

Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. ----------- Ass't. Clerk

Proceedings

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1928

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Tingle from Isaiah 54:1.

2. After an intermission of one hour the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator, and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. T. Williams, L. H. Stephenson, L. H. Hardy, were chosen to preach this evening.

6. Brethren J. J. Eason and G. W. Whitehead were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messenger's names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Called for petitionay letters to join this Association.

9. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations.
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10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Town Creek, Edgecombe County, N. C. Service to commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1929, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder A. M. Crisp be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder J. P. Tingle in case of his failure.

11. Elders S. B. Denny, J. C. Hooks, E. F. Pearce, N. H. Harrison, Xure Lee, D. G. Staples, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and send our Minutes as heretofore.

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S. B. Denny, text Eph. 6:10.
J. C. Hooks, 1 Peter, 1:36.
E. F. Pearce, Hebrews, 12:22, 23.
N. H. Harrison, Jeremiah, 23:23-24.
Xure Lee, Romans 10:8.
D. G. Staples, Psalms, 19:9.

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Received from the churches	$150.25

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4. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

6. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

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Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

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Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13.—Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power; 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advise in matters of difficulty; 4 to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9 the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union .

Aret. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

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Handcocks—Eld. W. M. Monsees, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.
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ELDER D. A. MEWBORN

Elder D. A. Mewborn, son of Elder Parrott Mewborn and his wife, Mary Aldridge Mewborn, was born June 14, 1840, and died May 9, 1928. He was married to Peninah A. Dixon, January 9, 1867, and to this union was born eight children, namely, John, Richord, Henry Dixon, Benjamin Parrott, Joshua Albert, Joseph William, George Lindley, Levi Andrew, and Nora May.

He united with the church at Meadow meeting house, Greene County, N. C. Dec. 1879, and was baptized by Elder B. P. Pitt. Shortly afterward he was ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1881 and was called to serve the church at Meadow, Greene County, N. C., 1897, where he held his membership until death. He served several other churches as pastor for a number of years. He served the Meadow church for about 36 years. He traveled extensively in his early ministry, especially in and among the churches of Eastern, N. C. He also preached in nearly every state from Maine to Florida. It is said that he probably preached as many or more sermons than any preacher in his day. In all his ministry he was determined to know nothing among the people, save Jesus and Him crucified.

Elder Mewborn was loved by all the Primitive Baptists everywhere so far as we know.

Among the many ministers that I have heard refer to him I will quote just a few of those who were more closely associated with him. Elder T. B. Lancaster often spoke of him being the ablest minister and whose mind was deepest in the scriptures. Elder John W. Gardner said at his funeral that he was one of the ablest and most lovely men it had ever been his privilege to meet. Elder A. M. Crisp, who was more intimately associated with him for 30 years or more, said at his funeral that truly a good and great man and a servant of the most high God has fallen.

Elder J. C. Hooks, of Freemont, N. C., said that his passing was probably more keenly felt by him than others as there was a bond or tie existing between them that but few people knew.

He said that he was the only minister in his knowldege that was perfectly agreed with him on the Resurrection and that he counted him one of the ablest ministers of his day. Elder W. B. Kearney always referred to him as our precious brother.

Elder N. H. Harrison of Pinetown, N. C., says truly he was a great and good man and as humble as a little child and that surely he is today basking in the sunlight around God's throne.

He was continuously expressing his appreciation and thanks to God for His many blessings but his deepest gratitude was for his prudent wife for nearly 63 years whom he always contended was a gift from the Lord.

He joined the Confederate Army on the 31st day of May, 1862 and counting seventeen months while he was a prisoner on Point Lookout he was in the war until the close.

Those who took part in the funeral services with Elder A. M. Crisp were Elders John W. Gardener, E. L. Cobb, J. C. Hooks and R. E. Adams and the writer. He was laid to rest in the family burial place to await the resurrection, which he said would be but a short time which was a most glorious thought to him. May we be among the happy throng.

Done by order of Conference at the Meadow church, Greene County, N. C., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1928.

J. E. MEWBORN.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Number of Members	Contribution	Last Association Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. F. Brown, L. F. Pitman, Eld. A. M. Crisp	0	0	1	0	0	2	95	10.00	1916
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, Martha E. Sutton, A. R. Sutton,x						1	7	5.50	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Not Represented but Statement by Pastor Eld. J. E. Mewborn						3	1		1866
Bethel	Pamlico	J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle, W. R. Edwards,x						1	11	3.00	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	P. L. Hill,x	2					2	10	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield,x						1	11	4.00	
Galloway	Pitt	Elders G. M. Corbitt and J. S. Corbitt	1						10	3.00	
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	N. W. Ireland,x M. T. Goodwin,x W. L. Lewis,x	1	1	0	1			49	3.00	
Handcocks	Pitt	B. A. Highsmith,x M. T McLawhorn,x F. L. Cox, x	9					1	44	12.75	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	Sister Annie Dawson, Sister Davis.							8	4.00	
Meadow	Greene	J. J. Eason, Stephen Craft, W. S. Land.						2	12	7.50	1926
Mewborn	Greene	Eld. W. B. Kearney, J. E. Mewborn, G. L. Mewborn						2	22	17.00	1927
Moore's	Wilson	Sister A. E. Patts,x						1	21	3.00	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, A. P. Whitford,x							11	3.25	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	W. A. Lineave, B. A. Lancaster, H. T. Pate			1			5	80	15.00	1928
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. A. Hux, A. T. Griffin,x	2				1	1	75	10.00	1924
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, Arch Beddard,x						1	40	14.25	1925
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	E. L. Rouse x and wife x Mary M. Croom x							9	3.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris	2						24	7.50	1923
Town Creek	Edgecombe	G. G. Trevathan, J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris	1						40	6.00	1910
Tyson's	Pitt	S. M. Smith, J. R. Wilkerson,x M. O. Speight							21	7.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. W. Joyner,x G. W. Whitehead, I. T. Eason	2					3	112	10.00	1920
		Absentees marked x								150.25	

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
TOWN CREEK
Edgecombe County, N. C.
October 12, 13, 14, 1929

OFFICERS

Elder John P. Tingle, Raleigh, N. C.	Moderator
H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	Asso. Clerk
Elder J. E. Mewbern, Snow Hill, N. C.	Ass't. Clerk

Proceedings

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1929

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. M. Crisp from Psalms 34:19.

2. After an intermission of an hour the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator, and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders Tilman Sawyer, W. R. Hines, W. R. Monk were chosen to preach this evening.

6. Brethren J. J. Eason and G. W. Whitehead were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messenger's names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join this association.

9. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbotts Creek Minutes.

Baltimore Minutes, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Black Creek Minutes, Elder J. T. Williams, Elder R. H. Boswell and others.

Delaware Minutes, Eld. L. H. Hardy, Elder J. T. Rowe.

Kehukee Minutes, Elder J. E. Grimes, Elder Tilman Sawyer.

Fishers River Minutes.

Little River Minutes, J. T. Hinton, W. H. Turlington.

Lower Country Line Minutes, Elder W. R. Monk.

Mill Branch Minutes.

Mayo Minutes.

New River Minutes.

Seven Mile Minutes, Elder Xure Lee, Bro. House.

Staunton River Minutes.

Salem Minutes.

Upper Country Line Minutes, Elder F. W. Keene, Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Va. Corresponding Meeting Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy, Elder J. T. Rowe.

White Oak Minutes, I. F. Prescott.

Warwick Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Autrey's Creek, Edgecombe County, N. C. Services to

commence on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1930, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder A. M. Crisp be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder J. P. Tingle in case of his failure.

11. Elders T. A. Stanfield, Xure Lee, J. T. Rowe, L. H. Hardy, S. B. Denny, A. B. Denson, F. W. Keene, J. T. Williams, T B. Pridgen, W. N. Stubbs, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations and to send Minutes as heretofore.

Abbotts Creek Minutes.

Baltimore Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy.

Black Creek Minutes, Elder Jas. Corbitt, G. W. Gardner.

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White Oak Minutes, Elder J. S. Corbitt, H. L. Brake, Elder J. E. Mewborn.

13. On motion, agreed that preaching begin at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

14. On motion, agreed to adjourn until Monday a. m., at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1929

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. M. Crisp, followed by:

Elder T. A. Stanfield, text 1st. Samuel 17:25.

Xure Lee, text 1st John 1:14.

J. T. Rowe, text Heb. 11:17, 18, 19.

S. B. Denny, text Gal. 2:20.

A. B. Denson, text John 15:7-9.

F. W. Keene, text Matt. 11:28-30.

L. H. Hardy, text Matt. 2:30.

J. T. Williams, T. H. B. Pridgen, W. N. Stubbs.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1929

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

2. Elders J. C. Smith and Raper and E. L. Cobb and A. L. Harrison were appointed to preach at the stand today.

3. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$147.35
Printing Minutes and postage	$ 35.00	
Clerk's Compensation	15.00	
Given visting ministers	97.35	
	$147.35	147.35

4. Report reecived and committee discharged.

5. Names of messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

6. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved That the Association recommend to the churches, that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13.—Motion agreed that the matter of changing our Association days from Saturday, Sunday and Monday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday, churches to recommend at our next Association.

14. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder T. A. Stanfield.

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Moderator.

H. L. BRAKE, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

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Autrey's Creek, J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	75
Bear Creek. R. W. Sutton, Kinston, N. C.	10
Bethel, J. P. Tingle, Raleigh, N. C.	20
Beaverdam, Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	5
Blount's Creek, P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Galloways, J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.	12
Goose Creek Island, Warden Lewis, Lowland, N. C.	36
Hancocks. B. T. Cox, Winterville, N. C.	40
Kinston, Mrs. Annie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow, J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C.	20
Mewborn. J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill. R. F. D. No. 4	30
Macedonia. G. A. Whitford, Ernull, N. C.	15
Nahunta, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Saulston, N. C.	70
Moores. J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill. H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	100
Red Banks, J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom. Mrs. Mary M. Croom. Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	30
Town Creek. G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C.	30
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Delaware River. D. M. Vorhees, Pennington, N. J.	7
Fisher's River, Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D.	21
Kehukee, Eld. A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.	45
Little River. J. W. Creech, Benson, N. C.	21
Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	21
Mayo. S. B. Dobbins, Stuart, Va.	21
Mill Branch. M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	10
Mount Enon, Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.	5

New River, Elder J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.	20
Seven Mile, Elder W. G. Turner, Dunn, N. C.	21
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St.	16
Salem, W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem N. C.	10
Upper Country Line, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	16
Virginia Corresponding Meeting, K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va.	7
Warwick, Elder R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N. J.	8
White Oak, R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.	17

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Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle								3.00	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	P. L. Hill, Anson B. Cox, x						1	10	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	E. A. Stanfield, x							11	3.75	
Galloway	Pitt	Eld. J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt, C. M. Buck						2	8	3.00	
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Wright Goodwin, Warden Lewis, Sister Martha Goodwin	1			1	2	1	48	4.00	
Hancocks	Pitt	B. T. Cox, F. L. Cox,x Walter D. Williams	2	1		1		2	44	8.00	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	Eld. L. H. Hardy, Sisters Davis, Mewborn,x Annie Dawson						1	8	6.00	
Meadow	Greene	Stephen Craft,x J. J. Eason, L. A. Mewborn, W. S. Land,x	2						14	8.00	1926
Mewborn	Greene	Eld. W. B. Kearney, S. L. Kearney, Eld. J. E. Mewborn						1	21	17.50	1927
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer,x Sister Margaret Varnell				1		1	18	3.00	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, A. P.Whitford						2	8	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	W. A. Lineave, D. A. Lancaster,x Sister Martha Bartlett						4	86	15.00	1928
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, A. T. Griffin, A. A. Hux	2				1	3	74	10.00	1925
Red Banks	Pitt	J. N. Barnes, Arch Beddard, J. R. Mills	2	1		2		3	40	12.60	1925
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Sister Mary M. Croom,x E. J. Davis	2						11	4.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	W. J. Harris, A. B. Beechum						3	21	5.00	1923
Town Creek	Edgecombe	G. G. Trevathan, J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris	2					3	39	6.00	1929
Tyson's	Pitt	S. M. Smith,x M. O. Speight, A. P. Turnage,x							21	7.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Gardner, J. W. Joyner	4	1		2	1	1	113	8.00	1920
		(Donated by J. D. Gold)								5.00	
		Absentees marked x								147.35	

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDREDTH
ANNUAL SESSION
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Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

AUTREY'S CREEK
Edgecombe County, N. C.
OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 1930

OFFICERS

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Raleigh, N. C.

H. L. Brake ______________________________________ Clerk
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Elder J. E. Mewborn ___________________Assistant Clerk
Snow Hill, N. C.

TABLE SHOWING TIME AND PLACE WHERE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.

1830 at Toisnot
1830 at Nahunta
1831 at Beaver Dam
1832 at Bear Creek
1833 at Tysons
1834 at Union
1835 at Pleasant Plains
1836 at White Oak
1837 at Old Town Creek
1838 at Beaver Dam
1839 at Red Banks
1840 at Pleasant Hill
1841 at Tysons
1842 at Memorial
1843 at Meadow
1844 at Beaver Dam
1845 at Nahunta
1846 at Autrey's Creek
1847 at Black Creek
1848 at Sandy Bottom
1849 at New Chapel
1850 at Old Town Creek
1851 at Red Banks
1852 at Swift Creek
1853 at White Oak
1854 at Beaver Dam
1855 at Toisnot
1856 at Rose of Sharon
1857 at Blount's Creek
1858 at Union
1859 at Tysons
1860 at Bear Creek
1861 at Meadow
1862 at Black Creek
1863 at Handcocks
1864 at Memorial
1865 at Toisnot
1866 at Beaver Dam
1867 at Mewborns
1868 at Pleasant Hill
1869 at Rose of Sharon
1870 at White Oak
1871 at Town Creek
1872 at Meadow
1873 at Aycocks
1874 at Milton
1875 at Tyson's
1876 at Cross Roads
1877 at Autrey's Creek
1878 at Toisnot
1879 at Nahunta
1880 at Red Banks
1881 at Union
1882 at Bear Creek
1883 at Sandy Grove
1884 at Moore's
1885 at Mewborne
1886 at Aycocks
1887 at Nahunta
1888 at Town Creek
1889 at Bethel
1890 at Mewborns
1891 at Autrey's Creek
1892 at Sandy Grove
1893 at Galloways
1894 at Tyson's
1895 at Union
1896 at Bear Creek
1897 at Pleasant Hill
1898 at Nahunta
1899 at Mill Branch
1900 at Meadow
1901 at Town Creek
1902 at Red Banks
1903 at Sandy Grove
1904 at Mewborns
1905 at Autrey's Creek
1906 at Pleasant Hill
1907 at Upper Town Creek
1908 at Bear Creek
1909 at Nahunta
1910 at Old Town Creek
1911 at Sandy Grove
1912 at Tysons
1913 at Meadow
1914 at Red Banks
1915 at Pleasant Hill
1916 at Autrey's Creek
1917 at Bethel
1918 None held on account of Influenza
1919 at Nahunta
1920 at Upper Town Creek
1921 at Handcocks
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1923 at Sandy Grove
1924 at Pleasant Hill
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1926 at Meadow
1927 at Mewborns
1928 at Nahunta
1929 at Town Creek
1930 at Autrey's Creek.

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SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1930

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Kearney from John 6:38, followed by Eld. J. P. Tingle.

2. After an intermission of an hour the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus.

3. Elder J. P. Tingle was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake, Clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder J. E. Mewborn.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders J. C. Smith, Lemuel Raper, W. R. Monk, W. B. Stadler were chosen to preach this evening.

6. Brethren J. J. Eason, G. W. Whitehead, M. O. Speight were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Petitionary letters were called for, to join this Association.

9. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Black Creek—Minutes, Eld. R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams and others.
Delaware—Minutes.
Kehukee—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Little River—Minutes, W. H. Turlington.
Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. A. Herndon, W. R. Monk, F. D. Long.
Mill Branch.
Mayo—Minutes.
New River—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes, Elds. M. F. Westbrook, Xure Lee and others.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Minutes, Eld. T. A. Stanfield.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes, Eld. R. W. Gurganus, S. W. Shepherd and others.
Warwick—Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Moore's, Wilson Co., N. C. Services to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1931, at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder W. B. Kearney be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder J. E. Mewborn in case of his failure.

11. Elders Xure Lee, T. A. Stanfield, J. W. Wyatt, S. B. Denny, J. A. Herndon, M. F. Westbrook, R. W. Gurganus, J. N. Rogerson, J. T. Williams, J. T. Collier were appointed to preach on Sunday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister associations and we send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Black Creek—Minutes, E. A. Stanfield, M. O. Speight, G. W. Gardner.
Delaware—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee—By Minutes only.
Fishers River—Minutes.
Little River—Minutes, Eld. J. P. Tingle, E. A. Stanfield.
Lower Coutry Line—Minutes, Eld. J. S. Corbitt, W. A. Lineave, E. A. Stanfield.
Mill Branch—Minutes.
Mayo—Minutes.
New River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes, Elds. J. E. Mewborn, J. P. Tingle, J. S. Corbitt.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Upper County Line—E. A. Stanfield.
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes, Elds. J. S. Corbitt, J. E. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney.

13. On motion, agreed that preaching begin at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

14. Agreed the days of holding our Association be changed from Sat., Sun. and Mon. to Fri., Sat., and Sun.

15. Adjourned until Monday a. m. at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12TH, 1930

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Westbrook followed by:

Xure Lee, Text Songs 1:2; T. A. Stanfield, Esther 4; J. W. Wyatt, Heb. 1:1, 2; S. B. Denny, J. A. Herndon, J. T. Collier, M. F. Westbrook, Tim. 2:3; R. W. Gurganus, Psalms 4:12; J. N. Rogerson, Acts 13:26; J. T. Williams.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1930

1. The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

2. Names of Messengers called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

3. Elders A. B. Denson, R. W. Gurganus, M. F. Westbrook, T. A. Stanfield, J. E. Mawborn, J. P. Tingle, were chosen to preach today.

4. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$114.50
Printing Minutes and postage	$ 35.00	
Clerks Compensation	15.00	
Gave Visiting Ministers	64.50	
	$114.50	$114.50

5. Report received and committee discharged.

6. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

8. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches, that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

9. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

10. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00 nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

11. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

12. On motion the thanks of Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for their generosity in entertaining the Association.

13. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

ELDER J. P. TINGLE, Moderator.
H. L. BRAKE, Clerk.

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Autrey's Creek, J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	75
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Beaverdam, Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	5
Blount's Creek, P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Galloways, J. S. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.	12
Goose Creek Island, Warden Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	36
Hancocks, B. T. Cox, Winterville, N. C.	40
Kinston, Mrs. Annie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow, J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C.	20
Mewborn, J. E., Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.	30
Macedonia, G. A. Whitford, Ernull, N. C.	15
Nahunta, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 5, Box 38	70
Moores, J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill, H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	100
Red Banks, J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom, Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	30
Town Creek, G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C.	30
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Upper Town Creek, J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	90

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Fisher's River, Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D.	21
Kehukee, Eld, A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.	45
Little River, Eld. L. H. Stevenson, Willow Springs, N. C.	21
Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	21
Mayo, S. B. Dobbins, Stuart, Va.	21
Mill Branch, M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	10
Mount Enon, Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.	5
New River, Elder J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.	20

Seven Mile, W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C. -------------- 21
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St. -- 16
Salem, W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. -------------- 10
Upper Country Line, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. 16
Virginia Corresponding Meeting, K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va. 7
Warwick, Eld. R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N. J. 8
White Oak, R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C. ---------- 17

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

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Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Jas. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.
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NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

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Handcocks—Eld. J. B. Roberts, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.
Kinston—Eld. J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Annie Dawson, clerk.
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle, W. R. Edwards			--	--	--	--	9	3.00	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	P. L. Hill, Anson B. Cox,x Geo. A. Garrard,x	3	1	--	--	--	1	13	2.00	1857
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Mathews,x E. A. Stanfield	--	--	--	--	--	1	10	2.50	----
Galloway	Pitt	Elders J. S. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt	--	--	--	--	--	1	7	2.00	----
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	J. G. Sadler, Jas. Gaskill,x N. W. Ireland,x			--	3	2	--	43	2.00	----
Hancock's	Pitt	B. T. Cox, Luther Tripp, M. T. McLawhorn,x	2	1	--	1	1	1	44	6.50	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Sister Annie Dawson, Lela Mewborn,x Eliza Davis	-	--	--	--	--	1	7	3.00	----
Meadow	Greene	J. J. Eason, Stephen Craft, L. A. Mewborn,x	1	--	--	--	--	--	15	6.00	1926
Mewborn	Greene	Eld. W. B. Kearney, S. L. Kearney, Eld. J. E. Mewborn	1	--	--	--	--	--	22	10.50	1927
Moores	Wilson	Sisters A. E. Batts,x Sallie Stancil,x Oscar Farmer		--	--	1	--	--	17	3.00	1884
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, A. P. Whitford,x	1	--	-	--	--	--	9	3.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	W. A. Lineave,x Eld. W. B. Kearney, D. A. Lancaster,x	--	--	--	1	--	3	81	10.00	1928
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun,x A. A. Hux, A. T. Griffin	1	--	--	--	1	3	73	10.00	1924
Red Banks	Pitt	J. N. Barnes and wife, Sister Mary A. Hardy,x	1	3	1	2	1	2	39	10.00	1925
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Mrs. J. J. Croom,x	--	--	-	--	--	--	11	3.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	A. B. Beechum,x W. J. Harris,x			--	--	--	--	21	6.00	1923
Town Creek	Edgecombe	G. G. Trevathan, J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris	--	--	2	--	1	4	35	6.00	1929
Tyson	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, M. O. Speight			--	1	--	--	19	6.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Whitehead, W. W. Whitehead	4	1	1	2	1	7	108	8.00	1920
										114.50	

MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and First

ANNUAL SESSION

of the

CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOORES

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 1931

OFFICERS

Elder J. E. Mewborn, Moderator	Snow Hill, N. C.
H. L. Brake, Clerk	Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. M. Williams, Assistant Clerk	Elm City, N. C.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1931

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Kearney from Rev. 12:1, followed by Elder J. Ross.

2. After an intermission of one hour the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene.

3. Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Moderator and H. L. Brake Clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. J. M. Wililams.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders A. B. Denson and L. J. Chandler were chosen to preach this evening.

6. Brethren Geo. Whitehead, J. R. Mills and J. J. Dunford were chosen a committee on finance.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

8. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association.

9. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, Eld. Lem Raper and Bro. I. A. Lamm.

Delaware—

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Eld. Joshua Ross, Eld. J. S. Corbitt.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Eld. L. A. Chandler, W. A. Whitfield, A. P. Clayton, and F. D. Long.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mount Enon—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Eld. L. A. Johnson.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Eld. F. W. Keene, Eld. T. A. Stanfield.

Va. Corresponding Meeting—

White Oak—Minutes, Eld. E. F. Pollard.

Warwick—

Smith's River—Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Upper Town Creek, Wilson County, N. C. Services to begin on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1932, at 11 o'clock A. M., and Eld. J. E. Mewborn be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that Eld. W. B. Kearney in case of his failure.

11. Elders Jabie Harris, L. A. Johnson, E. F. Pollard, W. E. Grimes, J. W. Gardner, J. S. Corbitt, T. A. Stanfield and L. H. Stevenson were appointed to preach on Saturday.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send Minutes as heretofore.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes, H. L. Brake, G. M. Whitehead, Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Eld W. B. Kearney and others.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes, Z. R. Gay, J. R. Mills, Eld. J. E. Mewborn.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes, Eld. G. M. Corbitt.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, J. D. Gates.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Eld. J. E. Mewborn.

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Eld. J. E. Mewborn.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Eld. Luther Joyner and B. T. Cox.

Warwick—Minutes.

13. On motion, agreed that preaching begin at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

14. The officers of this Association together wtih the Messengers of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

15. Elders C. L. Robbins, T. H. B. Pridgen, Jos. D. Fly, R. H. Boswell, J. B. Roberts, T. A. Stanfield, J. W. Gardner, F. W. Keene, Luther Joyner, E. F. Pollard, were appointed to preach on Sunday.

16. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$91.75
Balance from last year		3.00
Printing Minutes and postage	$30.00	
For clearing up school building	1.00	
Clerk's compensation	15.00	
Gave visiting ministers	48.75	
	$94,75	$94.75

17. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

18. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any Messenger from any church or Association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

19. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

20. Resolved: That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

21. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches, that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that tne church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

22. Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and distributed to the churches and associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

23. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectionaries, candies, lemonade, coca cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, or to make photographs, or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, nor over $50.00, nor less than 10 days, nor more than thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings mentioned in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

24. On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

25. The names of the Messengers were called and those absent without leave marked in the Statistical Table.

26. On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of the vicinity for this generosity in entertaining the Association.

27. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

Elder J. E. Mewborn, Mod., Snow Hill, N. C.
H. L. Brake, Clerk, Rocky Mount, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday P. M.—Elders A. B. Denson and L. J. Chandler, Clerk failed to get texts.

Saturday—Jabie Harris, St. John 11, E. F. Pollard*, W. E. Grimes, Rom. 9:20; J. W. Gardner, no special text; J. S. Corbitt, Matt. 13:1-4; T. A. Stanfield, Isaiah 25:1-5; L. H. Stevenson, Ps. 139:1-8; C. L. Robbins, St. John 17:4; F. W. Keene, Isaiah 6:1-7.

Sunday—Jos. D. Fly*, W. B. Roberts, Ps. 23:1; T. A. Stanfield, St. Luke 13:29-30; F. W. Keene, Gen. 7:16; J. W. Gardner, "Happy art thou, oh! Israel"; T. H. B. Pridgen, R. H. Boswell*,

*—Clerk failed to get texts.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

	Copies
Autrey's Creek, J. F. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	75
Bear Creek, R. W. Sutton, Kinston, N. C.	10
Bethel, Mrs. Nettie Ellis, New Bern, N. C.	20
Beaverdam, Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	5
Blount's Creek, P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Galloways, Eld. G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.	12
Goose Creek Island, Warden Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	36
Hancocks, B. T. Cox, Winterville, N. C.	40
Kinston, Mrs. Annie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow, J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C.	20
Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 4	30
Macedonia, G. A. Whitford, Ernull, N. C.	15
Nahunta, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 5, Box 38	70
Moore's, J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill, H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	100
Red Banks, J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom, Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	30
Town Creek, G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C.	30
Tyson, A. P. Turnage, Farmville, N. C.	20
Upper Town Creek, J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	90

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

	Copies
Abbott's Creek, T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	10
Baltimore, Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md.	8

Black Creek, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	19
Delaware River, D. M. Vorhees, Pennington, N. J.	7
Fisher's River, Eld. F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. F. D.	21
Kehukee, Eld. A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.	45
Little River, Eld. L. H. Stevenson, Willow Springs, N. C.	21
Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	21
Mayo, S. A. Thompson, Stuart, Va.	21
Mill Branch, M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	10
Mount Enon, Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.	5
New River, Elder J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.	20
Seven Mile, W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C.	21
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St.	16
Salem, W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Upper Country Line, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	16
Virginia Corresponding Meeting, K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va.	7
Warwick, Eld. R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N. J.	8
White Oak, R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.	17

QUARTERLY MEETING OF EACH CHURCH.

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bear Creek—First Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

Beaverdam—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Damascus—Second Sunday in May, November and February.

Galloways—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Hancocks—Third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Mewborn—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Moores—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Sandy Grove—Third Sunday in February, August, May and November.

Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3.
A. M. Crisp, Pinetops, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.
Luther Joyner, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
Tilman Sawyer, Ayden, N. C.
R. D. Pate, Licentiate, Pikeville, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Licentiate, Pinetops, N. C.
Ernest Clifton, Licentiate, Ayden, N. C.
James Gaskill, Licentiate.
J. W. Weaver, Licentiate, Elm City, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. F. Brown, clerk.

Bear Creek—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; R. W. Sutton, clerk.

Bethel—No pastor; Mrs. Nettie Ellis, clerk.

Beaverdam—J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Lena S. Smith, clerk.

Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor; J. D. Gates, clerk.

Blount's Creek—Tilman Sawyer, pastor; P. L. Hill, clerk.

Galloway's—No pastor; no clerk.

Goose Creek Island—Eld. J. W. Wyatt, pastor; Warden Lewis, clerk.

Handcocks—Eld. J. B. Roberts, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.

Kinston—Eld. J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Annie Dawson, clerk.

Meadow—Elder A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. J. Eason, clerk.

Mewborn—Eld. J. E. Mewborn and W. B. Kearney, pastors; J. E. Mewborn, clerk.

Macedonia—No pastor; no clerk.

Moore's—Eld. J. C. Smith, pastor; J. J. Thorne, clerk.

Nahunta—J. W. Gardner and W. B. Kearney pastors; Mrs. Martha Bartlett, clerk.

Pleasant Hill—A. B. Denson, pastor; H. L. Brake, clerk.

Red Banks—Luther Joyner, pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks Gay, clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, clerk.

Sandy Grove—J. W. Wyatt, pastor; G. M. Hardy, clerk.

Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; G. G. Trevathan, clerk.

Tyson's—Joshua Ross, pastor; A. P. Turnage, clerk.

Upper Town Creek—A. M. Crisp, pastor; J. M. Williams, clerk.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep in order the rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last asssociation.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7.—Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query represented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power; 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4 to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall judge proper; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 15. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Counties	Name of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Contributions	Last Asso. Held
Autreys Creek	Edgecombe	J. J. Dunford, J. R. Brown, J. F. Brown	3	--	--	--	--	2	101	$10.00	1930
Bear Creek	Lenoir	R. W. Sutton, M. E. Sutton	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Elder J. E. Mewborn	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1.00	1866
Bethel	Pamlico	Representation withheld on account of peace of church	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	-----	1917
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	P. L. Hill,x Anson B. Cox,x	--	--	--	--	1	1	12	1.50	1857
Damascus	Pitt	J. D. Gates, J. A. Mathews	--	--	--	--	--	1	9	4.50	----
Galloway	Pitt	Eld. G. M. Corbitt	--	--	--	1	--	2	4	1.00	----
Goose Creek Isl.	Pamlico	Noah Ireland, Wright Goodwin, James Gaskill	--	--	1	1	1	--	42	2.00	----
Hancocks	Pitt	B. T. Cox, W. D. Williams, B. A. Highsmith,x	--	--	--	--	--	1	43	6.25	1921
Kinston	Lenoir	Eld. J. E. Mewborn	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	2.75	----
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn, Stephen Craft, W. S. Land,x	--	--	--	--	--	1	14	4.00	1926
Mewborn	Greene	Elds. W. B. Kearney and J. E. Mewborn, S. L. Kearney	--	--	--	--	--	1	21	8.50	1927
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer	--	--	--	--	--	2	14	3.00	1931
Macedonia	Craven	C. J. Whitford,x D. W. Whitford	1	--	--	--	--	1	9	2.00	1852
Nahunta	Wayne	Martha Bartlett, W. A. Lineave, Maggie Ginn	--	--	--	3	--	6	74	5.25	1928
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	H. L. Brake, J. H. Lanier, A. T. Griffin	2	--	--	--	--	4	67	10.00	1924
Red Banks	Pitt	J. N. Barnes, J. R. Mills, Bessie Brooks Gay	--	--	1	--	1	2	38	5.00	1925
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Not Rep.	--	--	--	--	--	--	---		1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	By Letter	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	4.00	1923
Town Creek	Edgecombe	G. G. Trevathan, J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris	1	--	--	--	1	1	34	6.00	1929
Tyson	Pitt	A. P. Turnage, M. O. Speight	--	--	--	--	--	4	14	6.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. M. Whitehead, Eld. J. C. Smith	5	3	--	--	--	2	116	8.00	1920
		Absentees marked (x) Totals	12	3	2	5	4	31	646	$91.75	

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Third Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

DAMASCUS

Pitt County, N. C.
October 6th, 7th, 8th, 1933

OFFICERS:

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk
BROTHER J. M. WILLIAMS, Assistant Clerk.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 6, 1933

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Mewborn from Psalms 102, 1-13 verses, followed by Elder W. B. Kearney.

After an intermission of one hour the Messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Elder W. B. Kearney was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn, Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother J. M. Williams.

Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

Elders J. S. Corbett, P. E. Johnson and E. L. Cobb were chosen to preach this evening.

Brethren George Whitehead, J. R. Mills and G. G. Trevathan were chosen a committee on finance.

Letters were received and read from the churches and the messenger's names enrolled in the statistical table.

Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association.

Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Not Represented.

Baltimore—Not Represented.

Black Creek—A. M. Whitehead, I. A. Lamm, Elder E. L. Cobb and R. H. Boswell.

Delaware—Not Represented.

Delaware River—Not Represented.

Kehukee—Elder J. S. Corbett, Bro. B. D. Moore and others.

Fisher's River—Not Represented.

Little River—L. M. Batten, J. J. Batten, and others and minutes.

Lower County Line—Eld. W. R. Monk and Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mount Enon—Not Represented.

Lower Mayo—Minutes, Eld. J. W. Wyatt.

New River—Not Represented.

Seven Mile—Elder P. E. Johnson and others.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elder T. A. Stanfield and Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Not Represented.

White Oak—J. A. Hewett, N. K. Eubanks, Minutes.

Warwick—Not Represented.

Smith's River—Not Represented.

Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Red Banks, services to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1934, at 11 o'clock A M., and Elder J. W. Weaver be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. C. Smith in case of failure.

Elders J. G. Gaskill and W. R. Monk were appointed to preach on Friday night.

On Saturday Elders T. A. Stanfield, J. W. Gardner, S. B. Denny, J. W. Weaver, J. B. Roberts and J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach.

Agreed that services to commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10 o'clock.

The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore.

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Fisher's River—Minutes.

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Mill Branch—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mount Enon—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Seven Mile—J. E. Mewborn, S. L. Kearney.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

White Oak—Elder W. B. Kearney and J. E. Mewborn.

The officers of this Association, together with the Messengers of this Church were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for preaching.

Elders W. R. Monk, B. S. Cowan, W. E. Turner, R. H. Boswell, E. F. Pollard, W. R. Hines, W. E. Grimes, J. C. Smith and L. Raper were appointed to preach on Sunday.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from the Churches	$79.50
Printing Minutes and Postage	30.60
Clerk's Compensation	15.00
Gave visiting ministers	33.90

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

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On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity and town for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder Kearney.

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.

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Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Galloways, Eld. G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C.	12
Goose Creek Island, Warden Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	36
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Kinston, Mrs. Annie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow, J. J. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C.	20
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Macedonia, G. A. Whitford, Ernull, N. C.	15
Nahunta, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 5, Box 38	70
Moore's, J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C.	30
Pleasant Hill, A. T. Griffin, Rocky Mount, N. C.	100
Red Banks, J R Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom, Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	30
Town Creek, G. G. Trevathan, Pine Tops, N. C.	30

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

G. M. Corbitt, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D., No. 4.
Luther Joyner, Greenville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
Tilman Sawyer, Ayden, N. C.
J. W. Weaver, Elm City, N. C., R. F. D.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C., R. F. D.
R. D. Pate, Licentiate, Pikeville, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Licentiate, Pinetops, N. C.
James Gaskill, Licentiate, Hoboken, N. C.
Oscar Farmer, Macclesfield, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Autrey's Creek—Elders J. C. Smith and J. W. Weaver, pastors; J. F. Brown, clerk.

Bear Creek—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; R. W. Sutton, clerk

Beaverdam—Elder J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Lena S. Smith, clerk

Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor; J. D. Gates, clerk.

Blount's Creek–Elder Tilman Sawyer, pastor; P. L. Hill, clerk.

Galloway's—No pastor; no clerk.

Goose Creek Island—Elder J . W. Wyatt, pastor; Warden Lewis, clerk.

Handcocks—Eld. J. B. Roberts, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.

Kinston—Elder J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Annie Dawson, clerk.

Meadow—Elder J. E. Mewborn, pastor; J. J. Eason, clerk.

Mewborn—Elds J. E. Mewborn and W. B. Kearney, pastors; J. E. Mewborn, clerk.

Macedonia—Failed to get report.

Moore's—Eld. J. C. Smith, pastor; J. J. Thorne, clerk.

Nahunta—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Martha Bartlett, clerk.

Pleasant Hill—Elder A. B. Denson, pastor; A. T. Griffin, clerk.

Red Banks—Elder Luther Joyner, pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks Gay, clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, clerk.

Sandy Grove—Elder J. W. Wyatt, pastor; G. M. Hardy, clerk.

Town Creek—No pastor; G. G. Trevathan, clerk.

Tyson's—No pastor; A. P. Turnage, clerk.

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RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no-wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association, shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the make his speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of his Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Ar. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to represensation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power; 1, to provide for the general rule of the churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4 to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministery who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall judge properly; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Contribution	Assn. Last Held
Autrey's Creek	J. F. Brown, J. R. Brown, J. J. Dunford	7	1	0	0	0	4	103	$6.00	1930
Bear Creek	R. W. Sutton and M. E. Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.00	1908
Beaver Dam	J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		1866
Blount's Creek	R. L. Hill and Anson B. Cox	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	1.50	1857
Damascus	J. D. Gates and E. A. Stanfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.00	1933
Galloway's	Represented by Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.00	
Goose Creek Is.	Warden Lewis, Wright Goodwin and James Gaskill	0	0	0	0	2	2	36	2.00	
Handcock's	F. L. Cox, Luther Tripp and Alex McLawhorn	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	8.50	1921
Kinston	Annie Dawson and Lela Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.00	
Meadow	L. A. Mewborn and Stephen Craft	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4.00	1926
Mewborn's	Eld W. B. Kearney S. L. Kearney, Geo. L. & J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	7.50	1927
Moore's	G. N. Luper, Oscar Farmer, John L. Baker	13	0	0	0	0	2	24	3.00	1931
Macedonia	No report									
Nahunta	W. A. Leaneave, P. L. Lancaster, D. A. Lancaster	0	0	0	0	0	3	65	5.00	1928
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Lanier, W. W. Calhoun, A. T. Griffin	2	0	0	0	0	2	68	7.00	1924
Red Banks	J. N. Barnes, J. R. Mills	0	0	0	0	1	2	37	5.00	1925
Sandy Bottom	Mary A. Croom	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Geo. M. Hardy, A. B. Beach and Ruth Haladia	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	4.00	1923
Lower Town Cr.	J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris, G. G. Trevathan	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	4.00	1929
Tyson's	A. P. Turnage, J. L. Williams, M. O. Speight	1	0	0	0	0		17	5.00	1912
Upper Town Cr.	J. W. Joyner G. W. Whitehead, J. M. Williams	10	1	0	0	1	3	119	6.00	1932

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Hancocks Meeting House

Pitt County, N. C.

OCTOBER 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1935.

OFFICERS:

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY, Moderator

ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 11, 1935

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Weaver.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt.

1st. Elder W. B. Kearney was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Williams.

2nd. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3rd. The officer of this Association, together with the Messengers of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements for Preaching. Agreed.

4th. Elders S. Gray, J. G. Gaskill and E. F. Pierce were chosen to preach at the stand this afternoon.

5th. Brethren G. G. Trevathan, J. R. Mills and G. W. Whitehead were chosen a committee on finance.

6th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the mesesnger's names enrolled in the statistical table.

7th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

8th. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—
Baltimore—
Delaware River—
Kehukee—Z. D. F. White, Nelson Warren, Lester House.
Little River—E. F. Pierce, Minutes.
Lower Country Line—Eld. J. W. Wyatt, Minutes.
Mill Branch—Minutes.
Black Creek—J. R. Exum, J. B. Boswell, Minutes.
Delaware—Minutes.
Mount Enon—
Lower Mayo—Eld. J. W. Wyatt, Minutes.
Seven Mile—Eld. L. A. Johnson, Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Not rep.
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
White Oak—Eld. E. F. Polland, Gray, Rhew, Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.

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Mill Branch—Minutes.
Mount Enon—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Z. R. Gay, W. B. Kearney.
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White Oak—M. O. Speight, W. B. Kearney, J. R. Mills, Luther Joyner.
Lower Mayo—Minutes.

13th. The following brethren in the ministry were appointed to preach on Sunday: Elders J. B. Roberts, Xure Lee, B. S. Cowin, J. W. Wyatt and J. W. Weaver.

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All of the ministers present preached as was appointed and it is generally agreed that this was one of the best meetings in the recollection of those present.

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Goose Creek Island, Warden Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	25
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Kinston, Mrs. Annie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.	5
Meadow, Annie Susan Craft, Stantonsburg, N. C.	10
Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 4	20
Nahunta, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 5, Box 38	40
Moore's J. L. Baker, Stantonsburg	20
Pleasant Hill, A. T. Griffin, Rocky Mount, N. C.	70
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Mount Enon, Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.	5
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

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ELDER GEO. M. CORBITT

Elder Geo. M. Corbitt, the third child of James and Annie Brinkley Corbitt was born February 3, 1855 and died August 15,1935. December 1881 he was united in matrimony to Miss Levrinia Wainwright. On Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1889, he united with the church at Galloways in Pitt County. His wife joined at the water next morning and was baptized by Elder John A. Williams. A short while after he united with the church, he was set apart to the functions of the Deacon's office by the laying on of hands by Elders John A. Williams, N. A. Buck and the writer. A few years later the church seeing a greater gift in him, he was set apart to the full work of the ministry by a Presbytery composed of Elder C. C. Bland and N. A. Buck and the writer. He filled both callings honorably, and was faithful until the end. He earnestly contended for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Elder J. B. Roberts, who conducted his funeral services, read the fourth chapter and seventh verse of Second Timothy, "He fought a good fight and has finished his course and kept the faith with joy." It can be well applied to him. He was gentle and kind and endearing with his brethren, friends and neighbors. His blessing was like his coming and staying here, peaceful.

He was living with his daughter, Mrs. L. S. Hardee at the time of his death, having lost his wife several years ago. She wrote me he said when the Lord's time for him to go came he believed it would be like the snap of a finger. It seems his prayer was answered. He seemed to be happy during his last days. Then he went to his room. At four o'clock next morning he was heard at the pump and a short while after he returned to his room she heard a noise. She went to his room and he breathed a few times. This was like falling asleep in Jesus to me, that sleep where none ever wake to weep. Out of a family of ten he leaves to mourn one brother, James S. Corbitt and one sister, Mrs. Mary A. Moore, eight children, 38 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

After a short service at the home, the burial was in the old Corbitt family graveyard, amidst a host of friends and relatives. The flowers were beautiful. With comforting words by Elder Roberts the body was laid away to await the coming of Jesus the second time to make and fashion his body like His glorious body. Then shall it be carried up to meet Him in the clouds where we will be with Him in glory. Written by request.

Yours in life,

JAMES S. CORBITT.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Contribution	Ass'n Last Held
Autrey's Creek	J. F. Brown, J. R. Brown, J. C. Bridgers	0	0	0	0	0	4	96	$ 6.00	1930
Bear Creek	R. W. Sutton and M. E. Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.00	1908
Beaver Dam	Lena S. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.00	1866
Blount's Creek	Sister Besse E. Gerrard	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.00	1857
Damascus	J. D. Gates, J. A. Mathews	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	7.00	1933
Galloway's	No report									
Goose Creek Is.	J. G. Gaskill, C. J. Lewis, Wright Goodwin	0	0	0	1	4	3	27	3.00	
Hancock's	Walter D. Williams, Alex McLawhorn	0	0	0	1	2	2	37	5.00	1921
Kinston	Eld. J. E. Mewborn, Lela Mewborn	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	2.50	
Meadow	L. A. Mewborn, Nancy Mewborn, Annie Susan Craft	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5.00	1926
Mewborn's	Eld. W. B. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	18.00	1927
Moore's	Oscar Farmer, J. L. Baker	4	0	0	0	0	3	24	5.00	1931
Nahunta	W. A. Laneave, P. L. Lancaster, D. A. Lancaster	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	6.00	1928
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Lanier, W. W. Calhoun, A. T. Griffin	2	0	0	0	0	3	68	6.00	1924
Red Banks	S M Slaughter, J M. Barnes, Visey Barnes	0	2	0	0	0	0	37	5.00	1934

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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October 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1936

OFFICERS:

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. E. MEWBOURN, Clerk
BROTHER J. M. WILLIAMS

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT 9TH, 1936.

The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Smith, and followed by Elder E. C. Jones.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. C. Sikes.

1st. Elder W. B. Kearney was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Williams.

2nd. Visiting brethern and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3rd. The officers of this Association, together with the Messengers of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements for Preaching, W. W. Calhoun and A. T. Griffin.

4th. Elders S. Gray, A. B. Ayers, and J. C. Sykes, were chosen to preach at the stand this afternoon.

5th. Brethern G. G. Trevathan and G. W. Whitehead were chosen a committee on finance.

6th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messenger's name enrolled in the statistical table.

7th. Petitonary letters were called for to join the Association. None.

8th. Called for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sisters Associations, as follows:

Abbot's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee—O. R. Robinson, J. L. Robinson, Minutes.
Little River—L. M. Battens, E. C. Jones, Minutes.
Lower Country Line Eld. J. W. Wyatt, Minutes.
Mill Branch—D. L Coleman, Minutes.
Black Creek—Elder R. H. Boswell, E. P. Weaver, J. B. Boswell, J. S. Rogerson.
Delaware—Minutes.
Lower Mayo—Eld. J. W. Wyatt.
Seven Mile—Elder P. E. Johnson, Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Eld. W. B. Stadler, Minutes.
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
White Oak—Eld. S. Grey and others, Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Sulphur Fork—Eld. J. C. Sykes.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Lower T. Creek. Services to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1936, at eleven o'clock A. M., and Elder J. E. Mewborn be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Luther Joyner in case of failure.

10th. On Saturday Elder A. B. Denson T. A. Stanfield, N. B. Teasley, J. D. Fly, P. E. Johnson, J. W. Wyatt. and L. Raper were appointed to preach at the stand.

11th. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 o'clock.

12th. The following brethern agreed to visit Sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

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14th. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from the churches and otherwise ____	$90.50
Printing Minutes and Postage________________	30.00
Clerk's Compensation______________________	15.00
Gave Visiting Ministers ____________________	45.00
Balance on hand __________________________	00

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

(1) Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday it s hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

(2) On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

(3) Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

(4) Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

(5) Resolved: That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion the Clerk was Appointed Treasurer.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity and town for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY, Moderator.

J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, October, 9, 1936:
Elder J. C. Smith—Text St. Matthew 16th chapter, 18th verse.
Elder E. C. Jones—Text 89th Psalm, 15th verse.
Friday P. M.:
Elder S. Gray—
Elder A. B. Ayers—Dam. 3rd Chapter, 17th verse.
Elder J. C. Sikes—(Failed to get text.)
Saturday:
Elder A. B. Denson—Text 10-11-12-13 and 14th verses 1st Chapter St. John.
Elder T. A. Stanfield—Text 22 Chapter 1 Samuel 1st verse.
Elder N. B. Teasley—Text Matthew 18, Chap. 3rd verse.
Elder J. B. Fly—Psalms 4th verse, 46 chapter.
Elder P. E. Johnson—Text Prov. 29th chapter, 18th verse.
Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text 1 Collossons 15th and 16th verses.
Elder L. Raper—Text Eph. 2, Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, verses.
Sunday A. M. (at the stand)—
Elder J. B. Roberts—Text Matthew 22nd Chapter, 11th verse.
Elder B. S. Cowan—Text St. John 4th Chapter, 11 verse.
Elder W. E. Turner—Text 5th Chapter Acts, 1, 2, 3 verses.
Elder W. B. Stadler—Text Matt. 20th chap. 23rd verse.
Elder J. C. Sikes—Text Eph. 1st Chapter 11-12 verses.
Elder R. H. Boswell—Text (Failed to get text).
Sunday A. M. (in the house.)
Elder W. D. Barnes—Text Gen. 37th chap., 15th verse.
Elder C. L. Robbins—Text Col. 3rd chap. 1, 2, 3 verses.
Elder Xure Lee—Text (Failed to get text.)
Elder W. E. Grimes—Text (Failed to get text.)
Elder W. M. Stubbs—Text (Failed to get text).
Elder J. C. Moore—Text (Failed to get text.)
Saturday:

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Bear Creek, R. W. Sutton, Kinston, N. C.	2
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Blount's Creek, P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C. R. F. D., 1	10
Damascus, J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	10
Goose Creek Island, Lowlands, N. C.	25
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Kinston, J. H. Mewborn, Kinston, N. C.	5
Meadow, Annie Susan Craft, Stantonsburg, N. C.	10
Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 4	20
Nahunt, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, R. F. D. 4, Box 38	40
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Pleasant Hill, A. T. Griffin, Rocky Mount, N. C.	70
Red Banks, J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	40
Sandy Bottom, Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	8
Sandy Grove, G. M. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2	15
Town Creek, G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.,	20
Tyson, M. O. Speight, Winterville, N. C.	15
Upper Town Creek, J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	75

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Delaware River, D. M. Vorhees, Pennington, N. J.	7
Kehukee, Eld. A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.	30
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Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	10
Mill Branch, M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	10
Mount Enon, Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.	5
Seven Mile, W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C.	10
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St.	10
Salem, W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Upper Country Line, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	15
Virginia Corresponding Meeting, K. C. Spindle,, Herndon, Va.	7
Warwick, Eld. R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N.J.	8
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Goose Creek Is.	R. E. Watson, Alex McLawhorn	1	0	1	0	0	3	25		2.00
Hancock's	B. A. Highsmith, Walter D. Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	1935	6.00
Kinston	J. E. Newborn, Lela Mewborn	0	0	0	1	0	0	5		3.50
Meadow	L. A. Mewborn, Nancy Mewborn, Annie S. Craft	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	1926	6.00
Mewborn's	W. B. Kearney, S. L. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	1927	20.00
Moore's	T. J. Owens, J. L. Baker	2	0	0	0	1	1	24	1931	5.00
Nahunta	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster, Fanny Smith,	2	0	0	0	0	5	56	1928	8.00
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Lewis, W. W. Calhoun, A. T. Griffin	1	0	0	1	0	3	65	1936	6.00
Red Banks	J. R. Mills, Thelma J. Hardie, Bessie B. Gay	0	0	0	0	0	4	35	1934	5.00
Tysons	Annie Joyner, Fannie Joyner, M. O. Speight	0	0	0	0	0	2	9		5.00
Sandy Bottom	Mary A. Croom, Annie E. Rouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		2.00
Bear Creek	R. W. Sutton, Martha E. Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Sandy Grove	Henry C. Rowe. D. C. Hardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	17		4.00

MINUTES

OF THE

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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OFFICERS:

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ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8TH, 1937.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Mewborn, and followed by Elder W. B. Barnes.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt.

1st. Elder J. B. Roberts, was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Williams.

2nd. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3rd. The officers of this Association, together with the Messengers of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements for Preaching.

4th. Elders J. S. Corbett, P. E. Johnson, and E. F. Pearce were chosen to preach at the stand this afternoon.

5th. Brethren G. G. Trevathan, G. W. Whitehead, and M. O. Speight were chosen a committee on finance.

6th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.

7th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. None.

8th. Called for Corresponding Letters and Messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee—Z. D. F. White, Minutes, B. L. Johnson and others.

Little River—Elder E. F. Pierce, Minutes, J. C. Langdon and Elder E. C. Jones.

Lower Country Line—Elder A. C. Hawkins and F. D. Long, and Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder R. H. Boswell, Minutes, J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, W. B. Barnes.

Delaware—Minutes.
Lower Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt and Minutes.
Seven Mile—Elder P. E. Johnson and Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Minutes.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

White Oak—Elder E. F. Pollard, Z. King, J. B. Canady, C. G Houston.

Warwick—No report.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Mewborn's. Services to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 193~~6~~, at eleven o'clock A. M., and

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Elder J. B. Roberts be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Luther Joyner in case of failure.

10th. On Saturday Elders O. C. Hawkins, E. F. Pollard and L. Raper were appointed to preach before noon and Elders S. G. Gray, W. R. Hines, and C. L. Robbins were appointed to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

11th. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 o'clock.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit Sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Black Creek—M. O. Speight, Elder J. B. Roberts.
Delaware River—Minutes.
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14th. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from the churches and otherwise	$119.50
Printing Minutes and Postage	30.00
Book	12.00
Clerk's Compensation	15.00
Gave Visiting Ministers	56.00
Balance on hand	$ 6.50

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

(1) Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

(2) On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

(3) Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

(4) Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

(5) Resolved: That our Clerk have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion the Clerk was Appointed Treasurer.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity and town for their generosity in entertaining and helping care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by the moderator.

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ORDER OF PREACHING.

J. E. Mewborn—Text.
W. B. Barnes—Text St. John 1st chapter, 9th verse.

Friday P. M.

Elder J. S. Corbitt—Text, 1 Col., 5th chapter, 25th verse.
Elder P. E. Johnson—Text, 1st John, 5th chapter, 6th verse.
Elder E. F. Pearce—Text, Eph. 1st chapter, 20-21st verses.

Saturday A. M.

Elder A. C. Hawkins—Text, Isa. 43rd chapter, 19-20th verses.
Elder E. F. Pollard— Text, 1st Tim. 4th chapter, 16th verse.
Elder L. Raper—Text, 2nd Tim. 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

Saturday P. M.

Elder S. Gray—Text, St. Mark, 16th verse.
Elder W. R. Hines—Text, St. Luke, 10th chapter, 21st verse.
Elder C. L. Robbins—Text, Col. 3rd chapter, ____ verse.

Sunday A. M.

Elder E. C. Jones—Failed to get text.
Elder T. A. Stanfield—Text, Malachi, __ chapter, __ verse.
Elder A. B. Denson—Text, Hebrews, 9th chapter, __ verse.
Elder J. T. Williams—Text, Exodus, 12th chapter.

Sunday P. M.—At The Stand

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Elder B. S. Cowin—Failed to get text.
Elder R. H. Boswell—Text, Acts 8th chapter, 26th verse.

Sunday P. M.—In The House

Elder J. D. Fly—Text, St. John, 3rd chapter, 6th verse.
Elder E. L. Cobb—Text, Rom. 9th chapter, 11th verse.
Elder A. B. Ayers—Failed to get text.
Elder G. W. Hill—Failed to get text.

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Virginia Corresponding Meeting—K. C. Spindle, Herndon, Va.	7
Warwick–Eld. R. L. Dodson, 12 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N.J.	8
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NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

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Damascus	J. D. Gates, J. A. Matthews, (absent)	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	1933	9.50
Goose Creek Island	Jonah Lewis (absent), Carl Lewis, Jas. Gaskill	3	0	0	0	0	2	27		2.00
Hancock's	Luther Tripp, W. L. Tripp, W. D. Williams	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	1935	8.00
Kinston	R. W. Sutton, Lela Mewborn	0	2	0	0	0	0	7		3.00
Lower Town Creek	J. W. Harrell, G. G. Trevathan and J. E. Harris	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	1937	4.00
Meadow	L. A. Mewborn, Annie Susan Craft, Emily J. Dildy	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1926	5.00
Mewborn's	G. L., V. E. and J. E. Mewborn, S. L. and J. J. Kearney and J. W. Ivey	5	0	0	0	0	0	22	1927	16.00
Moore's	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer, J. L. Baker	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	1931	5.00
Nahunta	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster, T. J. Smith	1	0	0	0	0	3	53	1928	6.00
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Lanier, W. W. Calhoun, A. T. Griffin	0	0	0	1	0	4	60	1936	6.00
Red Banks	J. R. Mills, Lucy Mills, Thelma J. Hardee	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	1935	5.00
Sandy Bottom	Mrs. E. L. Rouse, Mrs. J. J. Croom	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		2.00
Sandy Grove	Lottie Baker, D. C. Hardy and others	0	0	0	0	1	0	16		3.50
Upper Town Creek	Elder J. C. Smith, G. W. Whitehead, J. M. Williams	3	0	0	1	1	8	119		6.00
Tyson's	M. O. Speight, Fannie Joyner and Carrie Turnage	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		5.00